

March 3, 2021

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Utilities
Statehouse, Room 225B-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 279 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

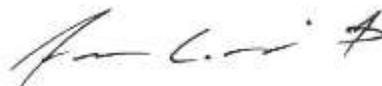
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 279 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 279 would create the Wind Generation Permit and Property Protection Act. The bill would prohibit construction of a wind turbine facility until the developer enters into a facility agreement with a landowner that demonstrates that the developer has complied with the requirements specified in the bill. The bill establishes minimum setback distances for wind turbines and requires the board of county commissioners in each county to approve an application for construction of the facility.

The Kansas Corporation Commission does not expect that enactment of SB 279 would have any fiscal effect on the agency.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect on counties that host wind generation power facilities as there could be some initial costs associated with the siting and permitting process. However, the Association states that those costs could be offset by payments from the facilities.

Sincerely,



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