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The Honorable Tom Sloan, Chairperson House Committee on Water and Environment Statehouse, Room 521-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sloan:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2311 by House Committee on Water and Environment

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2311 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2311 would require a landowner who has entered into an agreement with the State of Kansas to receive funds for construction or installation of a streamside conservation project to maintain the project for 20 years. The bill would require that the landowner allow the state to inspect the project to confirm that it is being maintained, and if the project was not maintained, would require the landowner to reimburse the state on a pro rata basis specified by the bill. The landowner would not be required to make reimbursement for destruction or damage caused by acts of nature or for any amount of money provided by the landowner as a cost share in the construction or installation of the project.

According to the Kansas Water Office, enactment of HB 2311 would have no fiscal effect. The Kansas Department of Agriculture was unable to provide information on any possible fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,

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cc: Justin Law, Agriculture Ginger Harper, Water Office