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The Honorable Dan Kerschen, Chairperson Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Statehouse, Room 225-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Kerschen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 345 by Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 345 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 345 would amend the Commercial Industrial Hemp Act to establish the requirements for effective destruction of industrial hemp produced in Kansas by individuals licensed under the Act. The bill would require the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) to develop a plan for disposal of industrial hemp with state and local law enforcement agencies and affected parties. This plan must be approved in advance by state and local law enforcement agencies. Employees or agents of the KDA could be required to be fingerprinted and to submit to a state and national criminal history record check for which the agency would pay associated costs. Local and state law enforcement officers and agencies would be required to assist in the taking and processing of fingerprints. The KDA and state and local law enforcement agencies could seek reimbursement for any costs incurred in conducting this disposal.

According to the KDA, enactment of SB 345 would have no fiscal effect on agency operations as any costs related to the provisions of the bill would be reimbursed by the affected parties. The League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties also indicate that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on local or county governments as all associated costs would be reimbursed.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kellen Liebsch, Agriculture Trey Cocking, League of Municipalities Jay Hall, Association of Counties