

February 11, 2014

The Honorable Sharon Schwartz, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwartz:

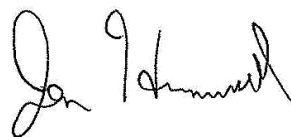
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2551 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2551 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2551 would repeal KSA 65-3480 through 65-3490, which requires the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to regulate Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) processing and disposal facilities. This regulatory program is duplicative of requirements of the Toxic Substances Control Act administered by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and unlike other federal programs, cannot be delegated to states.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) indicates that the fiscal effect of HB 2551 would be negligible. The bill would eliminate permit fees related to industry regulation; however, during the last 30 years that this statute has been in effect, KDHE has received only two permit applications. Regulation by the EPA requires no permit fees.

Sincerely,



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cc: Aaron Dunkel, Health & Environment