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The Honorable Larry Powell, Chairperson Senate Committee on Natural Resources Statehouse, Room 237-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Powell:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 330 by Senate Committee on Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 330 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is administered on behalf of the state by the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA), and the Program is authorized through the KDA budget in the annual appropriations bill. CREP does not exist in state statute, however. SB 330 would statutorily establish the Program within the KDA Division of Conservation and create the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Fund. The bill would continue the existing functions of CREP within the KDA.

Although SB 330 would statutorily create the CREP fund, the bill would not authorize appropriations from the fund. As a result, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

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