

March 10, 2016

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 473 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 473 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires users of the chemigation process to register and obtain a chemigation user's permit before using the process. SB 473 would exempt persons who only apply fertilizer and only use a surface water storage facility as the point of diversion from this requirement. The bill would decrease the current chemigation user's application fee from \$75 plus \$15 for each additional point of diversion to \$30 per point of diversion.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is unable to estimate the fiscal effect of passage of SB 473 as it does not currently ask applicants if they solely apply liquid fertilizer. However, the agency expects that any fiscal effect would be minimal and could be handled within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 473 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Justin Law, Agriculture