

January 29, 2008

The Honorable John Faber, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 161-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Faber:

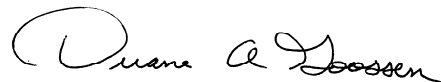
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2661 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2661 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2661 would allow the Kansas Wheat Commission to increase the maximum assessment rate collected on wheat from one cent to two cents per bushel. Also, any challenge of an election of any commissioner would be reviewed by a panel representing all five current grain commissions. Under current law, the panel represents only four commissions.

The Department of Agriculture contracts with the grain commodity commissions to collect assessments on their behalf and then transfers the revenue to the various commissions, including the Kansas Wheat Commission. The Department of Agriculture indicates that the enactment of HB 2661 would have no fiscal effect on the agency's operations, but that receipts to the Wheat Commission could increase by as much as 100.0 percent, if the maximum levy is imposed.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Stacey Woolington, Department of Agriculture