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Testimony on HB 2332
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Thank you for allowing us to testify in support of HB 2332. This bill removes the references to Tourism in a variety of Wildlife and Parks statutes to reflect the transfer of Tourism from Wildlife and Parks to Commerce.

On July 1, 2021, Kansas Tourism became its own independent division within Commerce. This reorganization was the result of input from businesses, destination marketing organizations and other key industry partners, which all agreed that it was best to consolidate Kansas' tourism efforts and economic development initiatives.

As a result, there are a few minor changes to the statutes that governs Wildlife and Parks that need to be made. This bill removes the references to Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and changes it to Wildlife and Parks. These changes are very technical and reflect the current names and makeup of our agencies.

I urge the committee to favorably pass HB 2332.