Chairman Rahjes and Committee Members

I wish to express my support for HB 2633 to increase service fees for vendors selling Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks licenses. This $1.00 service fee for vendors has not been changed since the 1980s. Vendors that sell licenses to credit card buyers are losing considerable amount of dollars. For example, a vendor that sold a non-resident hunting license for $127.50 would have a credit card charge of $127.50 x 0.275 percentage as a credit card fee. The cost to the vendor would be $3.50 dollars and the vendor would receive $1.00. The vendor would lose even more money as many non-resident license approach $300.00.

Online vendors are allowed to charge a much higher service fee to recover issuance costs.

The vendor fee in HB 2633 would increase that issuance from $1.00 to $2.00 per issuance.

I introduced HB 2633 on behalf of John's Sport Center in Pittsburg, Kansas which has a lot of out-of-state buyers, since they are located on the Kansas/Missouri border.

Respectfully,

Rep. Doug Blex and Rep Chuck Smith