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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2731

As Amended by Senate Committee on Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2731 would add a provision to the portion of the law dealing with hunting license applications to allow an applicant to make a voluntary contribution of \$2 or more to support the activities of Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. The bill also would create the Feed the Hungry Fund established in the State Treasury. Moneys in the Fund would be distributed quarterly to Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry to support its programs.

In addition, the bill would require the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to report on or before February 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, to the Senate Natural Resources Committee and the House Environment Committee concerning the voluntary contributions made to Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry through the enactment of this bill.

Background

Conferees who testified in support of the bill before the House Tourism and Parks Committee included: Representative Merrick; Tony Derossett, State Director, Kansas Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry; Kim Douglas, Mid-Kansas Community Action Program Inc.; and Tony Kimmi, Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. Chris Tymeson, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Wildlife and Parks provided background information. There were no opponents who appeared before the Committee.

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources amended the bill to provide for the report to the two legislative committees on or before

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February 1, 2006, and annually thereafter.

The fiscal note on the original bill prepared by the Division of Budget indicates that the Department of Wildlife and Parks estimates that it would cost the Department \$6,800 to develop the new form. The funding for the increased cost would be from the Wildlife Fee Fund and would be in addition to amounts included in *The FY 2005 Governor's Budget Report*. The Treasurer's Office states that there would be some affect on its operations, but there would be no additional costs to the Office.