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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

**From:** The Office of Revisor of Statutes

**Date:** 02/14/2024

**Re:** H.B. 2476; Requiring legislative approval of any national heritage area or national historic trail in the state of Kansas and prohibiting state funding of any national heritage area or national historic trail unless such funding is first approved by the legislature of the state of Kansas.

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Section 1, subsection (a) (pg. 2, line 2) would state that designation by the United States national park service of any national heritage area<sup>1</sup> or national historic trail<sup>2</sup> that extends beyond federal land within the state of Kansas shall require the approval of the legislature of the state of Kansas.

Under subsection (b), state funds shall not be expended or transferred from state agencies to match federal moneys for national heritage areas, national historic trails or any similar or successor designated areas without the approval of the legislature of the state of Kansas.

Under subsection (c), state lands, water, property or facilities shall not be included in any designated national heritage area, national historic trail or any similar or successor designated areas without the approval of the legislature of the state of Kansas.

H.B. 2476 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.

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<sup>1</sup> The federal enabling legislation for Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, an existing NHA that covers parts of Missouri and Kansas, can be viewed here on page 25: <https://freedomfrontier.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Enabling-Legislation.pdf>; General information concerning NHAs can be found in the following memo by the Congressional Research Service: <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/RL33462.pdf>; Additionally, KLRD prepared the following memo concerning the Federal 30x30 Initiative and NHAs for the 2021 Special Committee on the 30x30 Federal Initiative: [http://kslegislature.org/li\\_2022/b2021\\_22/committees/misc/20211208infheatheroharaklrld.pdf](http://kslegislature.org/li_2022/b2021_22/committees/misc/20211208infheatheroharaklrld.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> General information concerning the National Trails System, including National Historic Trails, can be found in the following memo by the Congressional Research Service: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R43868>