

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1602

By Senators Kerschen, Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Dietrich, Doll, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, Olson, O'Shea, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pyle, Ryckman, Steffen, Straub, Thompson, Tyson, Warren and Wilborn

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION disapproving the designation of the
2 lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species in Kansas by the United
3 States Fish and Wildlife Service and supporting efforts to remove such
4 designation.

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6 WHEREAS, On November 17, 2022, the United States Fish and
7 Wildlife Service listed the lesser prairie chicken as threatened under the
8 Endangered Species Act; and

9 WHEREAS, This designation creates unnecessary obstacles for
10 Kansas farmers, ranchers and energy producers who wish to manage their
11 own land; and

12 WHEREAS, The designation of the lesser prairie chicken as
13 threatened is detrimental to Kansas' agriculture and energy industries; and

14 WHEREAS, On December 21, 2022, Senators Roger Marshall and
15 Jerry Moran co-sponsored Senate Joint Resolution 70, a Congressional
16 Review Act resolution stating congressional disapproval of the
17 designation of the lesser prairie chicken as threatened; and

18 WHEREAS, Representatives Ron Estes, Jake LaTurner and Tracey
19 Mann co-sponsored House Joint Resolution 105, addressing the same
20 issue in the House of Representatives; and

21 WHEREAS, If the resolutions pass, their passage would prevent the
22 designation from going into effect; and

23 WHEREAS, The resolutions would affirm the rights of farmers,
24 ranchers and energy producers to control their lands and continue their
25 existing proactive measures to protect the lesser prairie chicken: Now,
26 therefore,

27 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*
28 *Representatives concurring therein:* That we disapprove the designation
29 of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species in Kansas by the
30 United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

31 *Be it further resolved:* That we support the passage of Senate Joint
32 Resolution 70 and House Joint Resolution 105, which would return
33 control to the farmers, ranchers and energy producers of Kansas; and

1 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an
2 enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Kerschen.