



Chairman Rahjes and Members of the Committee,

I would like to express my opposition to House Bill 2268, which seeks to prohibit nonresidents from hunting migratory waterfowl during certain times and places, and to lower fees for migratory waterfowl habitat stamps.

**Economic Impact:** HB 2268 would have a detrimental economic impact on Kansas. Nonresident hunters contribute significantly to the state's economy through expenditures on lodging, food, fuel, and other related services. Restricting their hunting opportunities would likely result in a substantial decrease in revenue for local businesses and communities, particularly in rural areas that rely heavily on tourism and hunting-related activities.

**Conservation Efforts:** The bill's provision to lower fees for migratory waterfowl habitat stamps could undermine conservation efforts. These fees are crucial for funding habitat preservation and wildlife management programs. Reducing the fees may lead to insufficient funding, thereby jeopardizing the health and sustainability of Kansas's waterfowl populations and their habitats.

**Fairness and Inclusivity:** HB 2268 creates an unfair and exclusionary environment by discriminating against nonresident hunters. Hunting is a tradition that fosters camaraderie and appreciation for nature, and it should be accessible to all, regardless of residency. By restricting nonresidents, the bill undermines the principles of fairness and inclusivity that are fundamental to our society.

**Potential Legal Challenges:** The bill may also face legal challenges on the grounds of discrimination and violation of interstate commerce. Restricting nonresidents' hunting rights could be seen as an infringement on their ability to participate in lawful activities across state lines, potentially leading to costly legal battles for the state.

**Conclusion:** Most importantly, this bill impacts grandfathers hunting with grandsons, fathers hunting with sons and daughters just because they live across a state line. I am an avid hunter and the comradery you build in the blind lasts a lifetime. My home in Western Kansas would be impacted by this and I know the small businesses in Sylvan Grove, Wilson and Dorrance Kansas would be greatly affected.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tanner Tempel