

February 3, 2026

The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2547 by Representative Chauncey

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2547 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

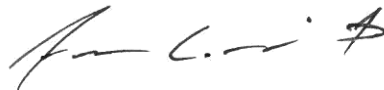
HB 2547 would enact the Upland Game Bird Restoration Act. An upland game bird stamp would be required prior to taking any upland game bird in Kansas. The Act would exempt individuals that are not required to hold a hunting license, hunt only on private land, or have a lifetime hunting license. The stamp would be valid throughout the state from the date of issuance and would expire at 12:00 A.M. on July 1 following the issuance of the stamp. A stamp would be validated by the stamp holder's signature written across the stamp. An upland game bird stamp would cost a maximum of \$15 for residents and a maximum of \$25 for nonresidents. Revenue received from the stamp would be deposited into the Upland Game Bird Restoration Fee Fund, which is created by the bill. The bill details how money in the fund would be spent, including reestablishing populations of upland game birds on public land. The Secretary of Wildlife and Parks would implement and administer the Upland Game Bird Restoration Program, procure and release upland game birds, establish a 10-day youth season, and adopt rules and regulations. The Secretary would enter into service contracts for the purchase and release of upland game birds.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	--	--
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	\$732,000	\$732,000
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	\$732,000	\$732,000
FTE Positions	--	--	--

The Department of Wildlife and Parks states that the ten-year average of upland game bird hunters in Kansas is approximately 80,000. Of that amount, 50.0 percent are hunters that only hunt on private land who would not be required to purchase a stamp. Therefore, 40,000 (80,000 X 0.50) hunters would be required to purchase a stamp. Of that amount, 67.0 percent, or 26,800 (40,000 X 0.67) are resident hunters and 33.0 percent, or 13,200 (40,000 X 0.33) are nonresident hunters. The total revenue from resident hunters would be \$402,000 (26,800 X \$15) and the total revenue from nonresident hunters would be \$330,000 (13,200 X \$25). The total revenue that would be deposited into the newly created fund would be \$732,000 (\$402,000 + \$330,000) annually beginning in FY 2027. The agency cannot estimate expenditures for contracting with vendors to purchase and deliver mature birds as required by the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2547 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties both state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Martin DeBoer, Department of Wildlife & Parks
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties