

**House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Neutral Testimony of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks  
House Bill 2633**

February 10, 2026

Chairman Rahjes and Members of the Committee,

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (Department) issues hunting, fishing, and boating licenses, along with the full range of species-specific permits and habitat stamps required for lawful participation in Kansas' outdoor recreation.

The Department manages these licenses across multiple points of access, county clerks, private retail agents, online platforms, and telephone sales ensuring that residents and visitors can obtain the credentials they need in a consistent and accessible manner. Each license or permit serves not only as legal authorization but also as a mechanism for tracking participation, supporting enforcement, and maintaining the integrity of wildlife management programs.

Importantly, licensing is a primary funding source for conservation in Kansas. Revenues generated through license sales and associated service charges flow directly into habitat restoration, fisheries management, law-enforcement operations, and the maintenance of public lands and waters. In this way, the Department's licensing responsibilities are central to sustaining the state's natural resources and the outdoor traditions that depend on them.

K.S.A. 32-985 authorizes the appointment of outside agents, typically county clerks, sporting-goods retailers, and other approved vendors to sell hunting, fishing, and related licenses on behalf of the state. These appointed agents act as the public's primary point of access to the licensing system, ensuring that residents and visitors can obtain the required credentials in their own communities. The statute also establishes the conditions under which these agents operate, including reporting requirements and the remittance of license revenues back to the department.

K.S.A 32-989 authorizes the collection and retention of a service fee, with some exceptions, not to exceed \$1.00 for each license, permit, stamp or other issue and in the case of a migratory waterfowl habitat stamp, the service charge fee shall not exceed \$.50. The Department only collects revenue from agent fees of each item (license, permit, stamp, etc...) sold only from sales made in person or over the phone

through Department offices. Outside agents (vendors that sell our licenses, permits, stamps, etc...) collect an agent fee which is revenue for the vendor.

House Bill. 2633 would amend K.S.A. 32-989 and increase the service charge fee for each license, permit, stamp or other issue of the Department to an amount of not to exceed \$2.00 and, in the case of each migratory waterfowl habitat stamp, an amount of not to exceed \$1.00. This would effectively double the revenue received from service charges for both the Department and outside agents accordingly.

The outside agent fees are set in the vendor agreement contracts between the outside agent and the Department, and a vendor may not charge a fee over and above what is printed on the license document.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on House Bill 2633. I am happy to provide additional information at the appropriate time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

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Christopher Kennedy  
Secretary  
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks