

Kansas House Committee on Federal & State Affairs

Concerning HB 2423

This Bill concerns wildlife; relates to allowing the proper use of a drone by a licensed drone applicator to locate a wounded or recently deceased deer. Hunters will legally be able to find an injured deer so not to waste the deer. When deer are not found we contribute to coyote and wolf numbers increasing. We have the technology available to help find the deer; we should be able to utilize this technology just as other states have around us. The Bill does not give a hunter any unfair advantage but just aids in finding what was already taken.

Zach Wilson, Licensed Drone Operator brought the request for this bill in an effort to help give hunters peace of mind, who may have been stressed due to lack of ability to locate already taken deer. The Bill requires permission from the public or private landowner, or landowner's authorized representative, prior to launching or landing a drone from or on such landowner's property.

This is a reasonable bill. It will be helpful to people to humanely manage deer. We have an ever increasing deer population in Kansas. High numbers of deer cause property damages to farmers and to vehicle owners. This could help encourage more successful deer hunting.

I support passage of this Bill

Rep. Kevin Schwertfeger