



Date: February 4th, 2026
Re: HB 2505 Written Only Opponent
To: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs, Chairman Kessler
From: Justin Cobb, Kansas Farm Bureau
Jackie Garagiola, Kansas Livestock Association

Chairman Kessler and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written opponent testimony on HB 2505 on behalf of Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) and the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA). KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Association. The KLA formed in 1894, is a trade association representing nearly 5,600 members on legislative and regulatory issues. KLA members are involved in many aspects of the livestock industry, including seed stock, cow-calf, and stocker cattle production; cattle feeding; dairy production; swine production; grazing land management; and diversified farming operations.

The two organizations advocate for the wide dissemination of scientific data relating to the listing of a species as threatened, endangered, or in need of conservation. This allows for the regulated community to review and provide input on the veracity of the restrictions they may be subject to.

HB 2505 provides a broad exemption that would allow KDWP to not provide this data. Additionally, a landowner would not be able to request species data on what their own property contains, precluding notice of potential regulatory violations. For that reason, we oppose the bill in its current form.

We do not oppose the stated intent of the bill, which is to provide for landowner privacy. If HB 2505 was modified to allow access to range level data and provide an exemption for landowners requesting data on their own properties, both organizations would be neutral on HB 2505. We have included recommended language that would accomplish that effect.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony on HB 2505.

Proposed amendment in **bold underlined font**.

“(57) Records of the department of wildlife and parks regarding the **precise** location of any species that is listed as threatened or endangered pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq. or the **precise** location of any species that is threatened, endangered or in need of conservation pursuant to the nongame and endangered species conservation act, K.S.A. 32-957 et seq., and amendments thereto-, **except when:**

(A) Requested by a landowner, landowner's lessee, or other designee, regarding their own property.”