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The Honorable Tom Kessler, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kessler:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2423 by Representative Schwertfeger

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2423 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2423 would create the Kansas Wounded Deer Recovery Act. The bill would allow a hunter to use a drone to locate and recover wounded or recently deceased deer, if the hunter is a licensed federal aviation administrative drone operator, possesses the appropriate hunting license and permit, and strikes a deer with a projectile fired from a legal hunting method during the open season. The hunter operating a drone would be required to obtain permission from the public or private landowner prior to launching or landing a drone. The bill stipulates that a drone would be operated in a manner that does not harass any wildlife. No hunter would be allowed to pursue or take any wildlife that has been harassed by or with the aid of a drone.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, the Kansas Association of Counties, and the League of Kansas Municipalities all state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

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