

January 26, 2026

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 2502 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2502 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2502 would reinstate the authority of the Department of Wildlife and Parks to issue resident senior combination hunting and fishing passes to those 65 years of age or older starting on January 1, 2026. This authority expired on June 30, 2020, and allowed the amount of each pass to not exceed one-eighth of the fee for a general combination lifetime hunting and fishing license. Currently for a Kansas kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, children five years and younger pay an amount not to exceed \$300 and children six and seven years of age pay an amount not to exceed \$500. Under this bill, children 5 years of age and younger would pay the same amount, but children six to 15 years of age would pay an amount not to exceed \$400 for the lifetime license. The bill would also remove the expiration date of July 1, 2032, for issuing kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses. The bill would take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

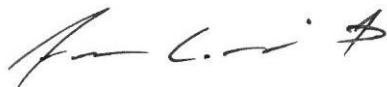
According to the Department of Wildlife and Parks, seniors currently pay a higher price for their hunting and fishing licenses than what is proposed in the bill. They currently pay \$90 for a five-year license (\$180 to purchase two five-year licenses). Senior licenses are for 10 years and would cost \$120 under the bill, therefore, the Department would lose \$60 (\$180 - \$120) per license. Reintroducing the senior combination hunting and fishing license at a substantially reduced price would result in a decrease in revenues of an unknown amount beginning in FY 2027.

The Department states that the changes in the bill relating to the age range and the price of the kids lifetime hunting and fishing license would have an unknown effect on fee fund revenues.

The bill would add ages eight to 15 to be able to obtain a lifetime license, this could increase the number of lifetime licenses sold, which could also reduce the number of yearly licenses sold to the same age group. The agency cannot estimate what the overall fiscal effect would be, but it estimates the long-term effect would be a loss in revenue. The Department also states that the removal of the expiration date for the kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses would not have a fiscal effect.

Because the changes for senior and kids lifetime combination licenses would also require a regulation change, the Department notes that these provisions would not take effect until FY 2027. In addition, the revenue from the senior and kids lifetime combination licenses is used to calculate the amount of federal funds the agency receives. However, the agency cannot estimate the potential increase or decrease in federal funds, if any. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2502 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Martin DeBoer, Department of Wildlife & Parks