

February 11, 2026

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2543 by Representative W. Carpenter

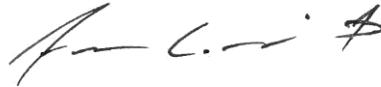
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2543 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2543 would require the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to be reimbursed for lost revenue resulting from the exemption or issuance of any free or partially discounted hunting and fishing license, permit, or pass that is established by Legislative enactment on and after July 1, 2027. The Department would be required to maintain a record of the lost revenue and certify and submit those records to the Director of Accounts and Reports and the State Treasurer by June 30 of each fiscal year to be reimbursed from the State General Fund to the Department's Wildlife Fee Fund. The Director of the Budget and the Director of Legislative Research would also receive a copy of the certification. All records of the lost revenue would be subject to audit by the State Treasurer.

The Department of Wildlife and Parks states that enactment of the bill would increase revenues into its Wildlife Fee Fund starting in FY 2028. However, the agency cannot estimate a precise fiscal effect. The State Treasurer states that the bill could increase expenditures to conduct audits. The agency states that since the Department of Wildlife and Parks would be required to certify the accounting, any audit performed should be able to be handled within the agency's existing resources. However, the bill is not specific on the scope of the audits. If the Treasurer is required to perform more extensive audits, then the agency could require additional positions or may be required to contract for the audits. Therefore, the State Treasurer cannot estimate the fiscal effect of the bill.

The Department of Administration states that the bill would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2543 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Martin DeBoer, Department of Wildlife & Parks
Samir Arif, Department of Administration
John Hedges, Office of the State Treasurer