

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2511

As Amended by House Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2511, as amended, would amend law that directs the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) to establish separate accounts of the State Agricultural Production Fund for each state-owned property under the control and jurisdiction of the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks. The bill would require the separate accounts to be used for habitat management costs and expenses associated with the management of all state-owned properties.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representative W. Carpenter.

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative W. Carpenter and a representative of KDWP. The proponents indicated the bill would remove a statutory restriction that hinders KDWP's ability to maintain its properties, noting only 80 of the 177 public lands and 20 of the 28 state parks generate any agricultural revenue.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Livestock Association, and a representative of the Kansas Outdoor Heritage Alliance. The opponents stated that currently, use of the revenue derived from agricultural production on state lands is limited to the management of the property that generates them. The bill would allow these funds produced from agriculture to be used for non-agricultural land purposes which was not the intent of the statute. The opponents suggested an amendment to limit the use of agricultural revenue to habitat management.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to clarify the KDWP accounts referenced would be used for habitat management costs and expenses.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDWP states the bill would not increase or decrease revenue from agricultural production on state-owned property. However, allowing KDWP to use the revenues on any state-owned property would allow the agency to meet the needs of other state-owned properties across the state, which could decrease the reliance on other funds. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; State Agricultural Production Fund; state-owned property; Secretary of Wildlife and Parks; habitat management; agricultural production