

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2568

As Recommended by House Committee of the
Whole

Brief*

HB 2568 would authorize the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) to adopt the proposed permanent administrative rules and regulations concerning motor vehicle permit, camping, utility, and other fees, registrations, and other changes as identified and described in the economic impact statement submitted by KDWP to the Division of the Budget on January 16, 2026.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative W. Carpenter on behalf of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission.

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative W. Carpenter and representatives from the Kansas Chamber and KDWP, who stated the bill would ratify changes to the park fee regulations, which will allow Kansas State Parks to continue providing safe, well-maintained, and high-quality outdoor

*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/>

recreation opportunities while being fair to park users, taxpayers, and private businesses.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by two representatives of KDWP.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Change the reference to the proposed rules and regulations for which the KDWP is seeking authorization to the economic impact statement submitted to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs on February 11, 2026;
- Authorize the Secretary to annually adjust motor vehicle and park-related fees set by rules and regulations;
- Limit fee increases to not exceed the prior year's amount plus the average CPI-U in the Midwest region over the previous three fiscal years; and
- Require the Secretary to issue a statement and notice detailing the fee adjustment, reasons for such adjustment, and effective dates, and put such statement and notice on KDWP's official website.

House Committee of the Whole

The House Committee of the Whole did not adopt the Committee Report of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs, and the House Committee amendments were not retained in the bill.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDWP states that the passage of the bill would not change the revenues of the agency, as further action is required to increase fees. After the bill is passed, the Wildlife and Parks Commission would establish the new fees and vote to approve the increases. Then KDWP would complete the rules and regulation process. Once the entire process is complete the agency's revenues are estimated to increase by \$4.6 million annually into the Parks Fee Fund. The agency is unsure of the timing of when the increases would go into effect. The agency used a five-year average of the fees and permits to estimate the total increase. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; rules and regulations; fees; economic impact statement; Division of the Budget