

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2633

As Amended by House Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2633, as amended, would increase the cap of the service charge fee the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks (Secretary), county clerks, or any license retailers could charge for the state migratory waterfowl habitat stamp from \$0.50 to \$1 and for all other licenses, permits, stamps, or other issue (licenses) from \$1 to \$2.

The bill would also allow the Secretary, county clerks, or any license retailers to charge an additional fee that could not exceed what is necessary to recover the actual amount of any cost incurred by reason of the method of payment used by the payee.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of Representative Blex on behalf of John's Sport Center in Pittsburg.

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representatives Blex and C. Smith, who stated the service fee caps have not changed since 1989 and that small retailers are losing money if they accept credit card

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payment for licenses because of the service fee charge when using credit cards.

Written-only **neutral** testimony was provided by the Secretary, who provided an overview on how the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) manages licenses across the agency and the current service charge fees.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to allow the Secretary, county clerk, or license retailer to charge an additional fee that would not exceed what is necessary to recover the actual amount of any cost incurred by reason of the method of payment used by the payee.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the KDWP indicates enactment of the bill has the potential to increase revenues for KDWP, county clerks, and other licensing vendors.

KDWP receives service charge fees only from sales made over the phone and through its offices. The Secretary would set the service charge fee amounts. KDWP used the average sales from FY 2024 and FY 2025 to create the following estimates. There are three general types of vendors that include the KDWP, vendors (e.g., John's Sport Center, Walmart, and Academy), and Brandt (an online licensing agent on contract with KDWP).

The two-year average for fees collected from the migratory waterfowl habitat (MWH) stamps by KDWP was \$586. If the fee is increased to \$1, KDWP could receive \$1,172, an increase of \$586. The two-year average for fees collected from all other issues by KDWP was \$42,434. If the fee is increased to \$2, KDWP could receive \$84,868, an increase of \$42,434. Thus, KDWP's revenues could increase

by \$43,020 starting in FY 2027. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states enactment of the bill would increase revenues because county clerks' offices would retain the additional service charge fees; however, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Based on the KDWP's average sales from FY 2024 and FY 2025, the following estimates are for the various vendors and Brandt. The two-year average for fees collected from the MWH stamps by vendors was \$3,297. If the fee is increased to \$1, the vendors could receive \$6,594, an increase of \$3,297. The two-year average for fees collected from all other issues by the vendors was \$182,122. If the fee is increased to \$2.00, the vendors could receive \$364,244, an increase of \$182,122. Thus, the increase in vendors' revenues could total \$185,419 starting in FY 2027.

For Brandt, the two-year average for fees collected from the MWH stamps was \$18,054. If the fee is increased to \$1.00, then Brandt could receive \$36,108, an increase of \$18,054. For all other issuances, the two-year average for fees collected was \$503,639. If the fee is increased to \$2.00, then Brandt could receive \$1,007,278, an increase of \$503,639. Therefore, total increase for Brandt could be \$521,693. However, the fees Brandt charges are set in contract; if the contract was not amended to increase Brandt's service charge fees, their fee would be less than the fees charged by KDWP and other vendors. It is possible that more consumers could start to use Brandt, thus increasing its revenues and decreasing the Department's and other vendors' revenues.

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