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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 447

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 447 would raise the statutory limit for vessel registration fees submitted to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) from \$30 to \$60.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of the KDWPT. At the Senate Committee on Natural Resources hearing on the bill, the KDWPT provided proponent testimony, stating there are approximately 100,000 mechanically-propelled and sailing vessels registered with the KDWPT for use on public waters. The current registration fee is \$30 for a three-year period, which is the current limit on the registration fee as allowed by statute. The KDWPT stated registration fees were last raised in 2006 and no fee increases are anticipated at this time; however, raising the limit would allow the agency some flexibility in the future. Revenue collected from the fee is used to match federal funds that pay for vessel enforcement, safety equipment, and boater education. All KDWPT fees are set by the KDWPT Commission after public hearings on the proposal.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget states any fiscal effect of raising the statutory limit for vessel registrations would occur only upon action of the KDWPT Commission to raise the registration fee.

*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 <http://www.kslegislature.org>