

February 5, 2024

The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson  
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2524 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2524 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

The bill would require the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks to reduce the fees for camp sites and cabins by 50.0 percent for Kansas residents who are 65 years of age or older. The reduced rate would not apply to Friday, Saturday, or legal public holidays. Starting July 1, 2024, the Secretary would certify to the Director of Account and Reports, of the Department of Administration, the amount of money for fees that were not collected during the previous fiscal year because of the fee reduction. Upon receipt of the certification, or as soon as moneys are available, the Director of Accounts and Reports would transfer the certified amount from the State General Fund to the Operating Expenditures Account of the State Economic Development Initiatives Fund of the Department of Wildlife and Parks. The Secretary would send a copy of each certification and detailed report of the uncollected fees to the Director of the Budget and the Director of Legislative Research. The bill would become effective upon publication in the statute book.

The Department of Wildlife and Parks states that if the bill were enacted, it would see a reduction in its fee funds of \$778,000 starting in FY 2025. However, these funds would be replaced in FY 2026 with Economic Development Initiatives Funds once Director of Accounts and Reports transfers the certified amount. The agency states that if they can use the Economic Development Initiative Funds for cabins and camp sites expenditures, then it would not have an overall fiscal effect on agency operations.

The Department of Administration states that it would take one hour per fiscal year to process the transfer certified by the Department of Wildlife and Parks from the State General Fund the Economic Development Initiatives Fund, which could be absorbed within existing staff resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2524 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Terry Bruce, Department of Wildlife & Parks  
Tamara Emery, Department of Administration