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Memorandum

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To: Committee on Ways and Means
From: Jordan Martincich, Development Officer
Re: Senate Bill 384

Chairman, members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony to you on an issue that is important to Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever, and our members across the state of Kansas. Today, I writing on behalf of our organization and our 7,000+ Kansas members in opposition of SB 384.

Pheasants Forever is an advocate for an efficient and effective non-game and threatened species act and we feel that amending K.S.A. 32-958, 32-960a and 32-961 and repealing the existing sections, as proposed in SB 384, would marginalize those aspects of the law. Thus, hampering recovery efforts for species in peril.

SB 384 proposes the requirement that recovery plans be in place prior to listing a species or designating critical habitat for a species. This significantly slows the ability of State Wildlife Professionals to take timely action to protect or recover a species. Moreover, limiting critical habitat designations to only the "occupied" range during the time of listing hinders recovery efforts by not allowing for recovery efforts to include habitat recently occupied by a species or the historic range of the species. This would limit the success of recovery efforts.

On behalf of our organization and our members, I respectfully ask for your opposition of Senate Bill 384.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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