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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 526

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 526 would require that big game antlerless permits and game tags be issued, as necessary, without regard to antlered permits being first required.

Background

This bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture at the request of Sen. Lee. At the hearing on the bill, Sen. Lee explained that the Wildlife and Parks Commission made a decision regarding nonresident whitetail antlerless deer permits. She explained that the reason for the policy change was that when there was a group of hunters in the field there may be only one antlered permit with the remainder in the group having antlerless permits. Sen. Lee argued it was more important to control the population of deer in the state and that the policy decision did not increase the number of deer taken and would, in fact, increase the number of deer in the state.

Secretary Hayden of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks appeared as an opponent. He indicated that the policy change did reduce the number of people in the field, but that the policy change did decrease the amount of poaching occurring in the state.

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources amended the bill to clarify that big game antlerless permits and game tags would be issued, as necessary, without regard to antlered permits being first required.

The fiscal note on the original bill indicates that there would be no fiscal impact.

*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>