

February 20, 2025

The Honorable Tom Kessler, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kessler:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2147 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2147 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

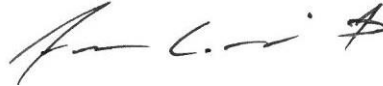
HB 2147 would reinstate the authority of the Department of Wildlife and Parks to issue resident senior combination hunting and fishing passes to those older than 65 years of age or older. This authority expired on June 30, 2020, and allowed the amount of each pass to not exceed one-eighth of the fee for a general combination lifetime hunting and fishing license. Under the bill, a pass would not exceed the amount necessary to qualify as a paid hunting or fishing license under federal law.

Currently, a Kansas kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing license costs up to \$300 for those five years of age or younger and up to \$500 for those that are six or seven years of age. The bill would no longer set an age requirement and would change the license amount to not exceed the amount necessary to qualify as a paid hunting or fishing license under federal law. The bill would also remove the expiration for issuing kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing license.

The Department of Wildlife and Parks states that enactment of HB 2147 could decrease fee fund revenues. Currently, seniors pay a higher price for their hunting and fishing licenses than what is proposed in the bill. Reintroducing the senior combination hunting and fishing license at a potentially lower price would result in a decrease in revenues of an unknown amount. The Department also states that the removal of the expiration date for the kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses would not have a fiscal effect. However, the change in the cost of the kids lifetime combination license could also reduce fee fund revenues by an unknown amount. In

addition, the sale of these licenses is used to calculate the amount of federal funds the agency receives. However, the agency cannot estimate the potential increase or decrease in federal funds, if any. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2147 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Martin DeBoer, Department of Wildlife & Parks