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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2505

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

HB 2505, as amended, would amend the Kansas Open Records Act to no longer require the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) to disclose the following records, except when requested by a landowner, landowner's lessee, or other designee regarding such person's own property:

- The precise location of any species that is listed as threatened or endangered pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act; or
- The precise location of any species that is threatened, endangered, or in need of conservation pursuant to the state's Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representative W. Carpenter.

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of KDWP, who stated the bill would allow the Department to continue to collect critical

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information about protected species and safeguard private property interests.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by representatives of Kansas Farm Bureau and Kansas Livestock Association, who requested an amendment to the bill to ensure the precise location of any protected species would not be subject to disclosure.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Specify the precise location of any protected species would not be subject to disclosure; and
- Add an exception when a request for disclosure is made by a landowner, landowner's lessee, or other designee regarding such person's own property.

Senate Committee on Agricultural and Natural Resources

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative W. Carpenter and a representative of the KDWP, which was substantially similar to the testimony provided to the House Committee.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to change the effective date from upon publication in the statute book to upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDWP indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; Kansas Open Records Act; endangered species; threatened species