

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2507

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2507 would increase the cap on migratory waterfowl habitat stamps fees for residents from \$8 to \$25 and would clarify cost for non-residents is \$100, and would remove current requirements for migratory waterfowl habitat stamps to be validated by the signature of the stamp holder written across the face of the stamp.

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 Representative W. Carpenter and a representative of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP). The representative of KDWP indicated the bill would delineate between residents and non-residents when it comes to the amount the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks (Secretary) may charge for a stamp. He explained the fee increase would help address the ongoing issue of waterfowl pressure on Kansas public land, aid in agency staffing capacity, and allow KDWP to increase manpower to manage the number of waterfowl hunters coming to Kansas. Additionally, the representative stated an increase in fees would allow KDWP to leverage certain federal grants to further enhance migratory waterfowl habitat projects and

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programs. The representative added the bill would eliminate the requirement that all migratory waterfowl habitat stamps be validated with a signature across the face of the stamp, which is no longer necessary.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDWP indicates that the increase in migratory waterfowl habitat stamp revenues from residents could be between \$165,214 and \$401,234 and the increase from non-residents could be between \$300,577 and \$1,626,652, depending on the amount charged per stamp. All revenues from the stamps would be deposited into the Department's existing Migratory Waterfowl Propagation and Protection Fund. To calculate the increase in revenues, the Department used the number of stamps sold from May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025, which totals 23,602 residents and 17,681 non-residents. If the fee for residents is increased from \$8 to \$15, the increase in revenue would be \$165,214 $((\$15 - \$8) \times 23,602)$. If the fee for residents is increased from \$8 to \$25, the increase in revenue would be \$401,234 $((\$25 - \$8) \times 23,602)$. If the fee for non-residents is increased from \$8 to \$25, the increase in revenue would be \$300,577 $((\$25 - \$8) \times 17,681)$. If the fee for non-residents is increased from \$8 to \$100, the increase in revenue would be \$1,626,652 $((\$100 - \$8) \times 17,681)$. Because it would require a change to rules and regulations, KDWP indicates that the change to the fees would likely go into effect in FY 2027. The change in fees would require vetting by the Wildlife and Parks Commission, public hearings, and approval of the Legislature. Therefore, the agency cannot estimate the increase in revenues for FY 2027 but estimates the total revenue from residents and non-resident purchasing migratory waterfowl habitat stamps could be between \$465,791 $(\$165,214 + \$300,577)$ and \$2,027,886 $(\$401,234 + \$1,626,652)$ in FY

2028. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Migratory Waterfowl Habitat stamps; validation; fees