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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 213

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 213 would prohibit non-residents from hunting migratory waterfowl during certain times and places and change the fees for migratory waterfowl habitat stamps.

Non-resident Hunting Prohibition

The bill would prohibit non-residents from hunting migratory waterfowl during the hunting season except on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays.

The bill would define “non-resident” as any person who has not been a *bona fide* resident of Kansas for the immediately preceding 60 days. “Non-resident” would not include a non-resident lifetime license holder or a non-resident entitled to resident licenses, permits, stamps, and other issues as authorized in law.

This prohibition would apply to:

- “Department lands and waters,” which would be defined by the bill as lands, water, and facilities that are under the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks through ownership, lease, license, cooperative agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other arrangement, including, but not limited to, state

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parks, state lakes, recreational grounds, wildlife areas, sanctuaries, fish hatcheries, natural areas, and historic sites; and

- Federal lands and waters owned by the United States and administered by:
 - The Secretary of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at the Bill Hill, Clinton, Council Grove, El Dorado, Elk City, Fall River, Hillsdale, John Redmond, Kanopolis, Marion, Melvern, Milford, Perry, Pomona, Toronto, Tuttle Creek, and Wilson reservoirs and Missouri River fish and wildlife mitigation lands, including, but not limited to, Benedictine Bottoms, Burr Oak, Dalbey, Elwood, and Oak Mills;
 - The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, at Cedar Bluff, Cheney, Glen Elder, Lovewell, Norton, and Webster reservoirs; and
 - The U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge, Quivira National Refuge, Marais Des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge, and Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge.

The non-resident hunting prohibition would not apply to:

- Property enrolled and designated as walk-in hunting access areas or interactive walk-in hunting access areas;
- Navigable rivers in Kansas; or
- The conservation order for light geese season, as provided in federal law.

Fees for Migratory Waterfowl Habitat Stamps

The bill would change the fees for a migratory waterfowl habitat stamp (stamp). The current fee for a stamp is a maximum of \$8 for any hunter. The bill would create separate fees for resident and non-resident hunters:

- Resident fee would be a maximum of \$20; and
- Non-resident fee would be a maximum of \$100.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Senator Blew on behalf of Representative W. Carpenter.

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In the Senate Committee hearing on February 12, 2025, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative W. Carpenter, Senator Billinger, and a private citizen. The proponents expressed concerns regarding the overcrowding of Kansas wetlands by non-resident waterfowl hunters and lack of access to public hunting grounds for Kansas resident hunters.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by five private citizens.

Neutral testimony was provided by the Deputy Secretary of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), who stated non-resident waterfowl pressure on limited public lands has increased significantly. In 2006, non-residents accounted for 19 percent of all waterfowl hunters in Kansas. For the 2020-2021 season, non-resident waterfowl hunters increased to 40 percent of all waterfowl hunters; that season was the first time non-resident hunters outnumbered resident hunters

at Cheyenne Bottoms. The Deputy Secretary also stated the Wildlife and Parks Commission has discussed and solicited public input on the limitations placed on non-resident hunters.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Backcountry Hunters & Anglers.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDWP states that enactment of the bill would increase revenues into its fee funds because the agency no longer sells mussel fishing licenses, and the bill would increase cost of the migratory waterfowl stamps. However, the agency cannot estimate a fiscal effect as it would need to promulgate the regulation that sets the fee amount of the stamps because the bill allows up to a maximum amount.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Wildlife; hunting; migratory waterfowl; non-resident; fees; Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks