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**Testimony on SB 316 relating to Re-codification of the KDWPT Statutes
To
The Senate Committee on Natural Resources**

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SB 316 seeks to re-codify the statutes related to the former Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Division of Travel and Tourism of the Department of Commerce. The bill is largely a technical bill that cleans up the statutes and ensures authorities are transferred appropriately. The bill would be effective July 1, 2012. **The Department supports the provisions contained in the bill.**

In 2011, Governor Sam Brownback issued Executive Reorganization Order Number 36, which created the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism from the former Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Division of Travel and Tourism of the Department of Commerce. The ERO also created a new assistant secretary for parks and tourism. As the Legislature took no action opposing the ERO, it became effective July 1, 2011.

Since that time, the Division of Tourism moved offices and began working in the Office of the Secretary and we are pleased to say that things are going well. We continue to look for efficiencies in combining the agency as well as marketing all the opportunities the State has to offer.

Because of the vast breadth of the bill, there are a few additional technical amendments that should be made before any action on the bill.

In summary, the Department appreciates the support of the Committee in passage of the bill.