

Testimony on SB 314

**Senate Natural Resources Committee
Room 159-S, State Capitol
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My name is Joe Gresier. I am writing to oppose SB 314 and to suggest an alternative.

First, many of those over 65 are on fixed income, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism does a great service to us by exempting us from the fees for hunting and fishing licenses. We would appreciate it if you would not take away that privilege.

Further, many of us love to take our grandchildren hunting and fishing, and to be able to bond with our grandchildren without incurring costs for doing so is a benefit to us and to our grandchildren.

I realize that KWPT receives federal funds for licenses sold. So I propose that you provide a lifetime license for those over 65 just as Oklahoma does. That would minimize the cost for seniors and would also enable the agency to leverage federal funds.

Thank you for your time.

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