

February 10, 2011

The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 225-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

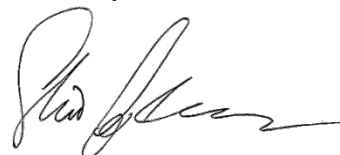
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 123 by Senate Committee on Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 123 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 123 would amend existing law to allow the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Parks, with the approval of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission, to establish fees for the public use of cabins owned or operated by the Department. The bill would also set the maximum nightly, weekly, and monthly fees for these cabins.

According to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, current procedures for setting fees for use of these cabins can lead to delays in making new cabins available to the public and prevent the agency from responding to market conditions which could result in raising or lowering a cabin's fees depending on its usage. Passage of SB 123 is expected to result in increased flexibility and efficiency in establishing rates, leading to increased revenues. However, the agency is unable to estimate the amount of the additional revenue at this time. The agency also states that without increased expenditure authority, it will be unable to spend any additional revenue that the new law may generate. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 123 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dick Koerth, Wildlife & Parks