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Testimony on SB 74 relating to the Prison-made Goods Act To The Senate Committee on Commerce

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SB 74 seeks to prohibit a home building program within the Department of Corrections. The Department is neutral on the bill; however, should the bill move forward, the KDWPT would request an amendment related to the KDWPT-KDOC cabin building program. The provisions of the bill would be effective upon publication in the statute book.

The Department has over 100 cabins at various state parks and wildlife areas located around the state. The vast majority of those cabins were built as part of a vocational cabin building program within the Kansas Department of Corrections. Although the KDWPT and the KDOC are not currently building cabins for that program, the Department would like to ensure that option in the future should this bill move forward. As such, the Department would request the language of the amendment from HB 2510 from the 2012 Legislative session related to "vocational cabin building program" and exempting that program from the provisions of the bill.

The Department appreciates the support of the Committee in amending the provisions requested into the bill if the bill moves forward.

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