

January 27, 2014

The Honorable Larry Powell, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 237-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Powell:

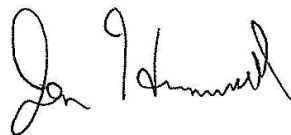
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 281 by Senator Olson, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 281 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act, species of wildlife that occur in Kansas and have been determined to be threatened or endangered according to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 shall be given full consideration by the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism in order to determine if the species is a threatened or endangered species in this state. SB 281 would limit the consideration by the Secretary to only the determinations made according to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 that were in effect on July 1, 2014. In addition, the bill would remove the redbelly snake and the smooth earth snake from the lists of endangered and threatened species.

According to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, passage of SB 281 would result in negligible costs for the regulatory activity necessary to delist the two snake species. The agency states that passage of the bill might reduce mitigation costs for local governments, but it is unable to estimate the amount of that reduction. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 281 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Chris Tymeson, KDWPT