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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Pauls
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: January 26, 2016

Subject: HCR 5008 – Creating a constitutional right to hunt, fish and trap wildlife.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5008 proposes to amend the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Kansas to add Section 21. This new section would create the constitutional right to hunt, fish, and trap wildlife in the State of Kansas. According to the language proposed, this constitutional right would be subject to laws and regulations that “promote wildlife conservation and management and that preserve the future of hunting and fishing.” This new constitutional provision would also not be construed to modify any existing law regarding trespass on property, eminent domain, usage of water resources, or any other property rights.