

To: Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Senator Larry Powell, Chairman
From: John Donley, Kansas Farm Bureau
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Re: **SB 384** – Amending provisions of the nongame and endangered species conservation act

Chairman Powell and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 384. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 40,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

Kansas Farm Bureau policy supports the changes being proposed. The bill will add transparency and clarity to the Nongame and Endangered Species Act. Specifically, the bill is aimed at ensuring that the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism provides the proper notifications and increases transparency as a recovery plan is created and implemented. This will hopefully encourage a more amicable relationship as farmers and ranchers try to conduct business in these potential areas.

Kansas Farm Bureau policy is supportive of the measures included in this bill, and we encourage you to vote favorably on SB 384.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry