

February 13, 2017

The Honorable Kyle Hoffman, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture
Statehouse, Room 481-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hoffman:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2207 by House Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2207 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2207 would require all hunters, fishers and trappers to receive written permission before hunting, fishing or trapping on private land. The bill would also make pursuing a wounded bird or animal on to private land without written permission a form of criminal hunting. Under current law, an individual may pursue wounded game onto private property provided the property owner has not asked the individual to leave. Under HB 2207, written permission authorizing an individual access to private land would not allow that individual to stay on the private land when instructed to leave by the property owner.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism indicates that HB 2207 would have no fiscal effect on the Department. The Office of Judicial Administration indicates HB 2207 would have a fiscal effect on the court system. The Office indicates that HB 2207 changes what is defined as criminal hunting and could result in increased time spent processing, researching and hearing cases as they relate to criminal hunting. However, it is not possible to estimate how many new cases would be created as a result of HB 2207 and a fiscal effect can be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2207 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Chris Tymeson, Wildlife, Parks & Tourism