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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 49

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 49 would authorize the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (Secretary) to establish fees for the public use of cabins owned or operated by the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (Department) and for camping permits at state parks. The bill would eliminate the current requirement for the Secretary to obtain approval from the Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission to establish fees for the use of cabins by the public.

The bill would also eliminate the Department's current statutory maximum fee structure for cabin rental use. In addition, the bill would exempt the fees for camping use from the provisions of the Rules and Regulations Filing Act. Current law exempts cabin rental fees from the provisions of the Rules and Regulations Filing Act.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of the Department on January 24, 2019.

In the Senate Committee hearing on February 20, 2019, a representative of the Department testified as a proponent. The representative testified the bill would increase both use of cabins and camp sites and revenue for the Department as it would provide flexibility for the Department to increase fees

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during busy times (holiday weekends and special events) and to decrease fees during low demand times. Written-only opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Bed and Breakfast Association. No neutral testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the bill would allow the Department to take advantage of changing market conditions and could increase revenue, but the Department could not estimate the fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.