

HB 2336

Proponent Testimony

House Bill 2336 (HB 2336) makes it unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take a wildlife simulated device that is being used by a law enforcement officer for the purpose of enforcing wildlife laws. The bill also establishes that the penalty for taking or attempting to take a wildlife simulated device shall be the same as prescribed for the unlawful taking of the actual wildlife being simulated.

Law enforcement officers sometimes utilize robotic decoys to catch would-be poachers. HB 2336 ensures that poachers who shoot at these decoys can be penalized as if they were shooting a live animal. As an avid Kansas hunter, I firmly believe that poachers cast all legal hunters in a negative light, and the punishment should fit the crime. HB 2336 provides a more robust tool for law enforcement offers to utilize to catch and penalize poachers.

Please vote YEA on the bill.

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