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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Billinger and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee
From: Jill A. Wolters, First Assistant Revisor
Date: March 15, 2020
Subject: **SB145**. Authorizing the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism to purchase land in Kingman county.

Pursuant to the provisions of SB145, the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism is authorized to purchase land in Kingman County, Kansas.

The land purchase is subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 32-833 that require the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism to do the following:

(A) Certified that the land proposed to be purchased is in compliance with the provisions law concerning control and management of noxious weeds after consultation with the county weed supervisor and has developed a written plan for controlling and managing noxious weeds on the land to be purchased;

(B) agreed to make payment of moneys in lieu of taxes comparable to the ad valorem tax payments of surrounding lands for any land purchased which is exempt from the payment of ad valorem taxes under the law; and

(C) developed a management plan for the property proposed to be purchased.

Note: The above requirements do not apply to land which is less than 640 acres in the aggregate and are owned by a private individual, if the purchase price is less than the land's appraised value.

This land purchase, and any required contracts, are exempt from the competitive bid law, K.S.A. 75-3739.

If the legal description is incorrect, the secretary is authorized to purchase the land using the correct legal description.

The bill will take effect upon publication in the Kansas register.