

February 13, 2024

The Honorable Ken Corbet, Chairperson  
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 118-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Corbet:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2582 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget

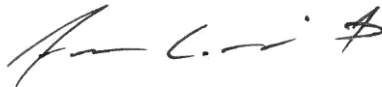
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2582 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2582 would increase the membership of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission from seven to nine members. Currently the Governor appoints all seven members. The bill would require three members to be appointed by the Governor, two members would be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representative, two members would be appointed by the President of the Senate, and two members would be appointed by the Attorney General. The bill would prohibit more than three members to be from the same congressional district. A member's term could be renewed at the discretion of the respective appointing authority.

According to the Department of Wildlife and Parks, the Commission meets no less than seven times each year. The per diem compensation for each commissioner is \$35.00, which would cost an additional \$490.00 ( $\$35.00 \times 2 \text{ members} \times 7 \text{ days}$ ). The per diem subsistence expenses are \$64.00, which would cost an additional \$896.00 ( $\$64.00 \times 2 \text{ members} \times 7 \text{ days}$ ). The average mileage claimed per commissioner is approximately 300 miles round trip, which would cost \$2,730.00 ( $300 \text{ miles} \times \$0.65 \times 2 \text{ members} \times 7 \text{ days}$ ). On average, a commissioner stays three nights in a hotel per year at a cost of \$107 per night, which would cost \$642.00 ( $\$107.00 \times 2 \text{ members} \times 3 \text{ nights}$ ). Therefore, the agency estimates it would cost an additional \$4,758.00 for FY 2025 and \$4,924.53 for FY 2026, estimating a 3.5 percent cost increase for FY 2026. However, these additional expenditures would be absorbed within the agency's existing fee fund budget.

The Office of the Attorney General and the Legislature both state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2582 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: William Hendrix, Office of the Attorney General  
Tom Day, Legislative Services  
Terry Bruce, Department of Wildlife & Parks