January 29, 2019

The Honorable Dan Kerschen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 225-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Kerschen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 49 by Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 49 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) is authorized, with the approval of the KDWPT Commission and following a public hearing, to establish fees for the public use of cabins owned or operated by the agency. SB 49 would amend the law to also apply to fees for camping permits at state parks, and would allow the Secretary to establish these fees without the approval of the KDWPT Commission or a public hearing. The bill also would eliminate the maximum fee amounts currently in statute.

According to the KDWPT, enactment of SB 49 would allow the agency to take advantage of changing market conditions likely resulting in increased revenue to the Parks Fee Fund. The agency is unable to estimate what that increase might amount to. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 49 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chris Tymeson, Wildlife, Parks & Tourism