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The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2308 by Representative Blew

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2308 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2308 would require the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks to establish a hunting outfitter task force that would study the hunting outfitter industry in Kansas and make recommendations for changes to laws, rules, and regulations. The bill details the 11 members that would be appointed to the task force no later than July 15, 2023. The members of the task force would be paid subsistence allowances that would be paid from any special revenue fund of the Department of Wildlife and Parks. Staff of the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, Legislative Research Department, and Division of Legislative Administrative Services would provide assistance requested by the chairperson. The provisions of the bill would expire December 31, 2024.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks states that the annual cost to hold four meeting would total \$18,939, which includes costs for salaries, subsistence, mileage, tolls, and other related costs for the task force that would be paid from agency fee funds in FY 2024. These additional expenditures would be absorbed within the agency's existing budget.

Legislative Administrative Services indicates that the bill would cost a total of \$3,748 from the State General Fund in FY 2024 for a committee assistant, which would be absorbed within the Legislature's current budget. The Kansas Legislative Research Department and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes state that any additional expenditures created by the bill would be absorbed

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within existing budget. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2308 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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