

## House Budget Committee Report

**Agency:** Department of Wildlife and Parks      **Bill No.** HB 2273

**Bill Sec.** 85

**Analyst:** Drury

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Expenditure Summary	Agency Request FY 2024	Governor Recommendation FY 2024	House Budget Committee Adjustments
Operating Expenditures:			
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Federal Funds	21,879,230	21,879,230	0
Other Funds	61,810,207	64,380,082	(2,500,000)
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 83,689,437</u>	<u>\$ 86,259,312</u>	<u>\$ (2,500,000)</u>
Capital Improvements:			
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 3,100,000	\$ (600,000)
Federal Funds	11,328,000	11,328,000	0
Other Funds	11,106,000	11,470,841	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 22,434,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,898,841</u>	<u>\$ (600,000)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>\$ 106,123,437</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 112,158,153</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (3,100,000)</b></u>
FTE positions	456.0	459.0	(2.0)

### Agency Request

The **agency** requests expenditures totaling \$106.1 million from all funding sources, including \$224,457 from the SWPF and \$3.7 million from the EDIF for FY 2024. The request is an increase of \$5.5 million, or 5.4 percent, above the FY 2023 revised estimate. The increase is attributable to enhancements for law enforcement software, utilities, and vehicles. The agency also increased capital improvements expenditures by \$5.4 million, or 32.0 percent, above the FY 2023 revised estimate. The increase is primarily in fish and wildlife, wetlands development, motor boat access, and shooting range development. For FY 2024, the agency's request includes 456.0 FTE positions.

### Governor's Recommendation

The **Governor** recommends expenditures totaling \$112.2 million, including \$3.1 million SGF, \$224,457 SWPF, and \$4.2 million EDIF. The request is an increase of \$6.0 million, or 5.7 percent, above the FY 2024 agency request. The Governor does not recommend adoption of the three agency enhancement requests; however, the recommendation includes the addition of \$325,000 for operational expenditures. The Governor further recommends adding funding to purchase the Lovewell Wildlife Area (\$600,000), \$500,000 and 2.0 FTE positions for Parks and Trails to meet federal grant matching requirements, \$74,716 and 1.0 FTE position for a legal assistant, funding for dam repairs (\$2.5 million SGF), and \$2.5 million to add the KDWP law enforcement officers to the Kansas Police and Firemen's (KP&F) retirement system. The Governor also recommends 459.0 FTE, which is 3.0 FTE more than the agency's request. The

additional 3.0 additional FTE positions are related to enhancements recommended by the Governor.

### **House Budget Committee Recommendation**

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2024 with the following adjustments:

1. Delete \$600,000, all from the State General Fund, for the purchase of land near the Lovewell Wildlife Area for FY 2024.
2. Delete \$2.5 million, all from special revenue funds, to not adopt the Governor's recommendation to allow law enforcement officers employed by the agency to join the Kansas Police and Firemen's (KP&F) retirement system. The Committee recommends reviewing the addition of these funds if legislation authorizing the move is passed.
3. Delete 2.0 FTE positions to partially adopt the Governor's recommendation for Parks and Trails to meet federal grant matching requirements for FY 2024. The Governor's recommendation includes \$500,000 and 2.0 FTE positions for this purposes. The Committee's recommendation includes the funding but not the positions.
4. Add language directing the agency to make available at least 10,000 unused resident firearm doe permits for the nonresident draw pool for the 2023 regular firearm season. The Committee further recommends those permits be sold at the state resident landowner rate.

### **House Committee Recommendation**

The **Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2024 with the following adjustment.

1. The Committee recommends the 10,000 unused resident firearm doe permits that are remitted to the nonresident draw pool be sold at state resident, non-landowner, rate.

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### **Senate Subcommittee Report**

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Other Funds	61,810,207	64,380,082	0
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Capital Improvements:			
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 0
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 106,123,437</b>	<b>\$ 112,158,153</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
FTE positions	456.0	459.0	0.0

### Agency Request

The **agency** requests expenditures totaling \$106.1 million from all funding sources, including \$224,457 from the SWPF and \$3.7 million from the EDIF for FY 2024. The request is an increase of \$5.5 million, or 5.4 percent, above the FY 2023 revised estimate. The increase is attributable to enhancements for law enforcement software, utilities, and vehicles. The agency also increased capital improvements expenditures by \$5.4 million, or 32.0 percent, above the FY 2023 revised estimate. The increase is primarily in fish and wildlife, wetlands development, motor boat access, and shooting range development. For FY 2024, the agency's request includes 456.0 FTE positions.

### Governor's Recommendation

The **Governor** recommends expenditures totaling \$112.2 million, including \$3.1 million SGF, \$224,457 SWPF, and \$4.2 million EDIF. The request is an increase of \$6.0 million, or 5.7 percent, above the FY 2024 agency request. The Governor does not recommend adoption of the three agency enhancement requests; however, the recommendation includes the addition of \$325,000 for operational expenditures. The Governor further recommends adding funding to purchase the Lovewell Wildlife Area (\$600,000), \$500,000 and 2.0 FTE positions for Parks and Trails to meet federal grant matching requirements, \$74,716 and 1.0 FTE position for a legal assistant, funding for damn repairs (\$2.5 million SGF), and \$2.5 million to add the KDWP law enforcement officers to the Kansas Police and Firemen's (KP&F) retirement system. The Governor also recommends 459.0 FTE, which is 3.0 FTE more than the agency's request. The additional 3.0 additional FTE positions are related to enhancements recommended by the Governor.

### **Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Recommendation**

The **Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources** concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2024.

### **Senate Committee Recommendation**

The **Committee** concurs with the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources' recommendation for FY 2024 with the following adjustment:

1. Delete \$2.5 million, all from special revenue funds, to not adopt the Governor's recommendation to allow law enforcement officers employed by the agency to join the Kansas Police and Firemen's (KP&F) retirement system and review at omnibus.

### **Senate Committee of the Whole Recommendation (Sub. For SB 155)**

The **Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Committee's recommendation for FY 2024 with the following adjustment:

1. Add language to delete 3.25 percent SGF appropriations and reappropriations for FY 2024.

The following agencies or classifications are excluded: the Kansas Department of Corrections, Adjutant General's Department, State Fire Marshal, Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Emergency Medical Services Board, Kansas Sentencing Commission, Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, Kansas State School for the Blind, Kansas State School for the Deaf, Kansas State Department of Education, debt service payments, appropriations or reappropriations required to meet caseload obligations, foster care contracts, and adoption services contracts.