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**Testimony on HB 2729 relating to the Implementation of the Kansas State Park Pass Program  
To  
The House Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee**

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HB 2729 seeks to implement a new Kansas State Park Pass purchase program. The bill would be effective July 1, 2012. **The Department supports the provisions contained in the bill.**

Upon implementation, the Kansas State Park Pass would allow for the voluntary annual purchase of the Kansas State Park Pass at a rate of \$15 until such time as the amount for such permit is changed by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. Annual motor vehicle permits will continue to be available for purchase over the counter by non-residents and those choosing not to participate in the Kansas State Park Pass program at a rate of \$22.50 plus appropriate administrative fees.

This bill is largely designed to provide Kansas citizens with more convenient access to our state park system by allowing the purchase of the park pass at the time of their annual vehicle registration renewal. Revenue generated from this program would be used to make our state parks more self-sufficient and reduce the impact of weather, blue green algae and other natural occurrences on revenues generated during major park weekends.

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Park and Tourism has sought and received the support of this program by the Secretary of Revenue and his staff. Prior to the drafting the proposal, the Department also sought the feedback on this program by the Association of County Treasurers.

**In summary, the Department appreciates the support of the Committee in passage of the bill.**

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Attachment 1