Land Purchases; SB 120

SB 120 exempts the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) from law regarding certain land purchases in four counties. The bill also amends law regarding purchase of tracts of land throughout the state.

Prior law stated the purchase of land greater than 320 acres in the aggregate by the KDWPT must be approved by the Legislature. The bill lowers that amount from 320 acres to 160 acres. In addition, the bill exempts KDWPT from that limit only for land purchases less than 640 acres, purchased with Natural Resource Damage and Restoration funds, in Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, and Neosho counties.