

February 24, 2020

The Honorable Ron Highland, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture
Statehouse, Room 458-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Highland:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2622 by House Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2622 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under HB 2622, any person who kills a wild turkey, paddlefish, elk, antelope, or white-tailed or mule deer that violates the season limits authorized by the Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism would be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor. Upon conviction, the court would order the person to pay a fine listed in the bill and the fines collected would be distributed in accordance with the bill.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that enactment of HB 2622 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because the bill would create the crime of poaching certain animals. The bill would increase the time spent by district court's judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Because the crime created in the bill would be a misdemeanor penalty, there could be more supervision of offenders required to be performed by court services officers. In addition, the bill could result in the collection of additional docket and supervision fees. The Office states that the fiscal effect of the bill is unknown.

The Kansas Highway Patrol, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties all state that the bill could minimally increase revenues if those law enforcement agencies arrest the violators.

However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2622 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. L. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "L." and last name "Campbell" clearly visible.

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Chris Tymeson, Wildlife, Parks & Tourism
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Jay Hall, Association of Counties
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