

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 145

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 145 would authorize the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (Secretary) to purchase a portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 05 and a portion of the West Half of Section 08, Township 28 South, Range 09 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Kingman County, Kansas.

The bill would exempt the land purchase from the State's competitive bid law (KSA 75-3739). The bill would authorize the Secretary to purchase the land utilizing the correct legal description if the description in the bill is found to be incorrect.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of Senator Kerschen.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Secretary, who stated the purchase of the property is the result of a long collaborative process. He

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also stated the purchase of the land would generate revenue and provide access to hunters and anglers.

Other **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, and the Kansas Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. The proponents stated the bill would provide Kansans with additional and perpetual access to public land and would benefit wildlife, water, and future generations of Kansans. They also noted the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism would continue to pay property taxes on the land.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of The Nature Conservancy.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism estimates the cost to purchase the property would be \$1.1 million from the Wildlife Fee Fund in FY 2021.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; wildlife and parks; land purchase