

February 19, 2014

The Honorable Sharon Schwartz, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwartz:

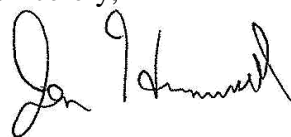
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2694 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2694 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law allows an individual to hunt, fish or trap on another person's property or nonnavigable body of water with permission of the owner. A property owner can post the land with signs or mark trees or posts with visible purple paint marks, both of which indicate that hunting, trapping or fishing is allowed only with written permission of the owner. HB 2694 would require that permission to hunt, fish or trap be in writing in all cases, and landowners would be exempt from having to post signs or markings.

According to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, passage of HB 2694 would result in more violations of the law and require more law enforcement actions throughout the state, resulting in increased expenditures to process the individuals through local courts, as well as increased revenues from court fees and fines. The agency is unable to estimate what the costs or revenues might be. The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that until persons engaged in hunting, fishing and trapping become aware of and accustomed to the changes in the law, there could be an increase in the number of cases filed in district courts resulting from hunting, fishing and trapping violations. Any additional cases would increase the workload of the district court judicial and non-judicial staff, but would also increase revenue from docket fees and fines. However, until the Judicial Branch has operated under the provisions of the bill, a more precise fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2694 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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