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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 26

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 26 would increase the maximum fee, from \$30 to \$60, that could be charged by the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism for vessel registrations. The Secretary is required to adopt rules and regulations to fix the amount of the vessel registration fee.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (Department). The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation. In the Senate Committee hearing, a representative of the Department spoke in favor of the bill, stating vessel registration fees were last increased in 2006 and the limit was last increased in 2001. The representative noted the Department is in danger of federal funds used for boating access and safety projects lapsing back to the federal government because the Department cannot match these federal funds. The representative also stated small, human-powered vessels are not required to be registered. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department indicates enactment of the bill would have a fiscal effect on the Department because the Department could increase fees associated with vessel

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registration and those fees would be credited to the Boating Fee Fund (Fund). The Department further indicates increasing revenues into the Fund could allow the Department to capture more federal dollars based on matching criteria. However, the Department notes no fee increase has been approved by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission at this time. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.