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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2456

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2456 would authorize the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks to issue a Kansas kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing license.

The bill would authorize the lifetime combination license for any child who is five years of age or younger and a Kansas resident upon payment of a license fee that shall not exceed \$300. On and after July 1, 2027, the license fee could be increased up to \$400 with approval from the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission. The license fee could be paid on behalf of the child.

The bill also would require the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks to submit an annual report to the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget on the number of lifetime combination licenses issued.

The authority to issue these licenses would expire on July 1, 2032.

Background

The bill was prefiled for introduction on November 12, 2021, by Representative Corbet.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget

In the House Committee hearing, **opponent** testimony was provided by the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks, who stated the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) would lose federal aid, as the proposed \$200 license fee does not meet the federal minimum annual revenue requirements. He also stated that cost is not the only barrier to attracting youth to hunting and fishing, as lack of access and social support also deter youth from participating in outdoor opportunities.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to require the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks to submit an annual report to the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget on the number of lifetime combination licenses issued.

House Committee of the Whole

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to increase the license fee from \$200 to \$300, allow the license fee to be increased up to \$400 after 5 years with approval of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission, and add a sunset of 10 years on the authority to issue the licenses.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, KDWP indicates enactment of the bill would result in a loss of federal funding of at least \$12,300 per year. The agency states that because the number of licenses that would be sold cannot be estimated, the exact fiscal effect cannot be determined.

Wildlife and parks; licenses; Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; Secretary of Wildlife and Parks