

**HOUSE BILL No. 2308**

By Representative Blew

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1 AN ACT concerning wildlife; relating to the Kansas department of wildlife  
2 and parks; establishing the hunting outfitter task force; relating to the  
3 study of the hunting outfitter industry; membership; dissolution.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) The secretary of wildlife and parks shall establish a  
7 hunting outfitter task force that shall study the hunting outfitter industry in  
8 the state of Kansas and may make recommendations for changes to the law  
9 and rules and regulations.

10 (b) (1) The task force shall consist of 11 members to be appointed as  
11 follows:

12 (A) One representative appointed by the speaker of the house of  
13 representatives;

14 (B) one representative appointed by the speaker pro tem of the house  
15 of representatives;

16 (C) one representative appointed by the minority leader of the house  
17 of representatives;

18 (D) one senator appointed by the president of the senate;

19 (E) one senator appointed by the vice president of the senate;

20 (F) one senator appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

21 (G) the secretary of wildlife and parks or a designee of the secretary;

22 (H) three members appointed by the secretary of wildlife and parks  
23 who are employed by the Kansas department of wildlife and parks and  
24 actively work in the areas of hunting and wildlife, one of whom is a  
25 resident of a part of Kansas that is located west of interstate highway 135  
26 and United States highway 81 and one of whom works at a state park; and

27 (I) one member appointed by the governor.

28 (2) All members shall be appointed by the respective appointing  
29 authority and reported to the secretary of wildlife and parks on or before  
30 July 15, 2023.

31 (3) The member appointed by the speaker of the house of  
32 representatives shall serve as the chairperson of the task force. The  
33 member appointed by the president of the senate shall serve as the vice  
34 chairperson of the task force.

35 (4) Legislative members shall serve during the legislative session in  
36 which they are appointed to the task force and shall remain members of the

1 legislature in order to retain membership on the task force. Vacancies of  
2 legislative members during a term shall be filled in the same manner as the  
3 original appointment only for the unexpired part of the term. The  
4 appointing authority for the legislative member may remove the member,  
5 reappoint the member or substitute another appointee for the member at  
6 any time.

7 (5) All non-legislative members shall serve until December 31, 2024.  
8 Vacancies of non-legislative members shall be filled in the same manner as  
9 the original appointment only for the unexpired part of the term. The  
10 appointing authority for the non-legislative member may remove such  
11 member, reappoint such member or substitute another appointee for such  
12 member at any time.

13 (c) Members of the task force attending meetings authorized by the  
14 task force shall be paid amounts provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and  
15 amendments thereto. Members' compensation and expenses shall be paid  
16 from any special revenue fund of the Kansas department of wildlife and  
17 parks, as designated by the secretary.

18 (d) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative  
19 research department and the division of legislative administrative services  
20 shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the chairperson.

21 (e) The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, 2024.

22 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
23 publication in the statute book.