

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Ken Corbet, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 118-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Corbet:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2079 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2079 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

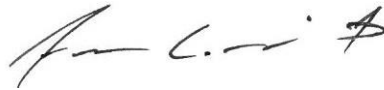
HB 2079 would extend the annual white-tailed deer firearm hunting season to include 30 minutes before the sunrise on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and end 30 minutes after the sunset on the second Sunday of December. The bill would also require the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to provide Kansas residents who hold a Kansas lifetime hunting or combination license one free any-season white-tailed deer permit with the option to purchase one additional any-season white-tailed deer permit for the same calendar year. The bill would also require the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to provide Kansas residents who hold a Kansas non-lifetime hunting or combination license one free antlerless white-tailed deer permit.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds	FY 2024 SGF	FY 2024 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	(\$604,000)
Expenditure	--	--	--	--
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks states the provisions of the bill would reduce revenues by at least \$604,000 from its Wildlife Fee Fund in FY 2024 which would continue for all subsequent fiscal years. The Department states that providing free white-tail deer permits to

those holding lifetime hunting or combination licenses is estimated to decrease annual revenues by at least \$300,000 from the Wildlife Fee Fund. The estimate is based on calendar year 2021 deer permit sales to lifetime license holders. The agency does not anticipate a loss in revenues from the sales of a second deer permit because this group of hunters currently purchase approximately 7,100 multiple deer tags annually. The Department also states that providing a free white-tail deer permit to those holding non-lifetime hunting or combination licenses is estimated to decrease annual revenues by \$304,000 from the Wildlife Fee Fund. In addition, the agency cannot estimate the fiscal effect extending the firearm deer season would have on agency revenues. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2079 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Terry Bruce, Department of Wildlife & Parks