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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 25

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Brief*

SB 25 would amend KSA 2016 Supp. 32-999 to permit the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to establish and change fees for use of cabins owned and operated by the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (Department) without the authorization of the Department's Commission and without conducting a public hearing. The bill would also eliminate the statutory maximum on cabin rental fees. Fees charged for use of the cabins would remain exempt from the Rules and Regulations Filing Act (KSA 77-415 through 77-437).

Background

SB 25 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on behalf of the Department.

At the Committee hearing on the bill, a representative of the Department testified in favor the bill. The spokesperson explained the bill would allow the agency to analyze changing market conditions and respond accordingly to maximize the revenue that cabin rentals generate.

No neutral or opposition testimony was presented.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the bill would have a fiscal effect on the agency because it would provide increased flexibility to the Department to increase fees. An increase in fee fund

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balances would also decrease the Department's reliance on funding from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund.