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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 25

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 25, as amended, would amend KSA 2016 Supp. 32-999 to permit the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to establish and change fees for the use of cabins owned and operated by the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (Department) and for camping permits at state parks 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). The fees for camping permits at state parks would also be exempted from the Rules and Regulations Filing Act.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on behalf of the Department.

In the Senate Committee hearing, a representative of the Department testified in favor of 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.

*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>

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to include camping permits at state parks within the Secretary's authority to establish and change fees. Camping permits at state parks were also exempted from the Rules and Regulations Filing Act.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget, enactment of the bill, as introduced, 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 balances would also decrease the Department's reliance on funding from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund.