

March 9, 2021

The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture
Statehouse, Room 149D-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2392 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2392 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under HB 2392 the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism or their designee would be required to issue, free of charge, a lifetime combination fishing, hunting, and furharvester license to any Kansas resident who submits proof that they are a Kansas Army or Air National Guard veteran who served for at least 20 years and was honorably discharged.

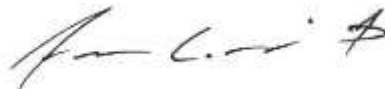
Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2021 SGF	FY 2021 All Funds	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	\$(750,792)
Expenditure	--	--	--	--
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism states that it could see a decrease in revenues of \$750,792 in FY 2022. Of that amount \$738,000 would be from the Wildlife Fee Fund and \$12,792 would be from federal funds. The agency estimates that there are 7,030 former members of the Kansas National Guard living in Kansas that meet the licensing parameters. The agency estimates that the approximate annual participation rate of active National Guard members is 7.00 percent based on annual license issuance. At a cost for the three lifetime licenses of \$1,500 and an estimated 492 National Guard members (7,030 former members x 7.00 percent participation), the Department would see a loss to its Wildlife Fee Fund of \$738,000 (492 members

x \$1,500) in FY 2022. In addition, the Department receives an annual federal apportionment for the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, which is approximately \$26 per individual per year. Using 18 years as the average length of time for federal funds eligibility for 492 members, the agency would lose an additional \$12,792 (492 members x \$468 / 18 years) from federal funds in FY 2022. The agency estimates that approximately 13 new National Guard members would participate each year and the loss of potential revenues in the out years would be approximately \$44,910 each year.

The Commission on Veterans Affairs indicates that it could assist veterans in finding the required documentation, but the additional work would be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2392 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 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: Chris Tymeson, Wildlife, Parks & Tourism
Luke Drury, Veterans Affairs
Michael Neth, Office of the Adjutant General