

January 30, 2015

The Honorable Sharon Schwartz, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwartz:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2117 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2117 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires any person born on or after January 1, 1989, to complete an approved boater safety education course in order to legally operate a motorboat or sailboat. HB 2117 would change this date to January 1, 1995. In addition, current law exempts persons 21 years of age or older from this requirement. HB 2117 would remove that exemption.

According to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, passage of HB 2117 would have no fiscal effect. The boater safety education course is currently mandatory for individuals under 21 to operate a vessel alone, and the course is already offered online so there would be no additional expense to provide this course for a greater number of boaters.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Chris Tymeson, Wildlife, Parks & Tourism