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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 583

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Ways and Means

### **Brief\***

SB 583 would authorize new demand transfers from the State Gaming Revenues Fund (SGRF) to the Department of Wildlife and Parks in order to provide revenues for the Parks Fee Fund and the Local Government Outdoor Recreation Grant Program Fund which is established by the legislation. Specifically, the bill would authorize annual transfers from the SGRF totaling \$5.0 million, of which \$4.0 million would be for state parks and \$1.0 million for local recreation grants. The bill also would provide that in any fiscal year when SGRF revenues are insufficient to make any of the \$1.0 million periodic transfers, then transfers from the State General Fund would replace any deficit in SGRF transfers.

In addition, the bill would increase the current statutory cap of \$50.0 million to \$55.0 million for the maximum amount of fiscal year revenue that may accrue in the SGRF. Any amount in excess of the cap would continue to be transferred to the State General Fund on June 25 of each fiscal year.

The bill would be effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

### **Background**

Current law prescribes a formula by which revenues in the SGRF are distributed during the fiscal year until an annual statutory \$50.0 million cap is reached: the first \$80,000 is transferred to the Problem Gambling Grant Fund; 85.0 percent is transferred to the EDIF; 10.0 percent is transferred to the Correctional Institutions Building Fund (CIBF); and 5.0 percent is transferred to the Juvenile Detention Facilities Fund (JDFF). SB 583 would provide that statutory transfers under current law would continue to be made from up to \$50.0 million

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in the SGRF, and that transfers to the Department of Wildlife and Parks funds would be from the additional \$5.0 million revenue to the SGRF.

The fiscal note from the Director of the Budget indicates that SB 583 would decrease revenues to the State General Fund by \$5.0 million each fiscal year. The fiscal note also states that there would be increases in revenues of \$4.0 million to the Parks Fee Fund and \$1.0 million to the Local Governmental Outdoor Recreation Grant Program Fund. The Department of Wildlife and Parks indicates that there has been no available funding in recent years for the Local Governmental Outdoor Recreation Grant Program which is administered by the agency under current law.

Conferees supporting provisions in the bill included representatives of the Kansas Association of Counties, the Kansas Recreation and Park Association, the Walnut Valley Sailing Club, and the Tonganoxie Recreation Commission. Written testimony supporting the bill was submitted by the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Colby Recreation Commission. The Secretary of Wildlife and Parks appeared as a neutral conferee on the bill.

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means amended the bill to clarify that transfers will be from the State Gaming Revenues Fund, not from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund, as indicated in the bill as introduced. The Senate Committee further clarified that when insufficient SGRF revenues are available, the State General Fund would be responsible for replacing any shortfall in the \$5.0 million annual transfers to the two funds in the Department of Wildlife and Parks.