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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2561**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

Sub. for H.B. 2561, as amended, would:

- Delete statutory qualifications for employment of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Parks dealing with education, training and expertise in wildlife, parks and natural resources and retain the qualifications dealing with executive and administrative abilities;
- Codify into law the qualifications for the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife Division;
- Change the composition of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission;
- Require the Governor to appoint representatives from each of the fish and wildlife administrative regions established by the Department on or after July 1, 2006; and
- Reduce the cost of a lifetime hunting and fishing license by 50 percent for Kansas residents 25 years of age and younger.

Background

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to delete certain qualifications of the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks, codified into law qualifications of the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife, and reduced the cost of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses to 50 percent for residents 25 years old and younger.

The original substitute bill required the Governor to appoint a

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representative from each of the fish and wildlife administrative areas established by the Department to served on the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission.

The fiscal note for Sub. for HB 2561 is pending.