ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-2-1. Amount of fees.

DESCRIPTION: This permanent regulation establishes fish and wildlife-related license and permit fees. The propose amendments would establish an elk permit application charge, an any-deer permit preference point service charge, a limited draw turkey permit preference point service charge, realign wild turkey permit fees, increase nonresident deer permit fees, increase lifetime hunting, fishing, combination and furharvesting license fees, establish a third pole permit fee for fishing and create a nonresident bobcat permit as a subset of the nonresident furharvester license. These changes are in response to the 2004 legislative session and recommendations from the department's revenue task force and automation working group.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: There is no current fee for third pole fishing permits, nonresident bobcat permits, elk applications and any-deer preference points. It is anticipated that the third pole permit fee will generate approximately $200,000 annually, nonresident bobcat permits will generate approximately $100,000 annually, elk application charges will generate approximately $7,730 annually, turkey preference point charges will generate approximately $1000 annually, and any-deer preference point charges will generate approximately $30,475 annually, all of which will accrue to the wildlife fee fund. The turkey realignment will not generate any additional income as it is primarily a regulatory shift from big game to its own regulatory category and there is no increase in fees. The lifetime license fee increases will generate approximately $371,140 annually for all categories, all of which will accrue to the wildlife conservation fund. The nonresident deer permit fee increase will generate approximately $1,200,000 annually, all of which will accrue to the wildlife fee fund. Otherwise, we anticipate no substantive impact to the department, other agencies or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.