

**Kansas Administrative Regulations
Economic Impact Statement
For the Kansas Division of the Budget**

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Submit a hard copy of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and any external documents that the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) would adopt, along with the following to:

Division of the Budget
900 SW Jackson, Room 504-N
Topeka, KS 66612

I. Brief description of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).

This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limit and season dates for the 2019 fall wild turkey seasons. The proposed changes would close the fall season for units 1, 3, 5 and 6 to take into account several years of poor reproduction.

II. Statement by the agency if the rule(s) and regulation(s) is mandated by the federal government and a statement if approach chosen to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or the federal government. (If the approach is different, then include a statement of why the Kansas rule and regulation proposed is different)

The federal government does not manage wild turkeys. Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado and Nebraska all have fall turkey seasons and manage by units.

III. Agency analysis specifically addressing following:

A. The extent to which the rule(s) and regulation(s) will enhance or restrict business activities and growth;

The regulation proposal may restrict business activity and growth because the fall hunting season would be closed in the majority of the state.

B. The economic effect, including a detailed quantification of implementation and compliance costs, on the specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, and local governments that would be affected by the proposed rule and regulation and on the state economy as a whole;

The economic effect could be that some businesses would not be able to cater to fall turkey hunters.

C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;

Guide businesses.

D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

The alternative would be to continue to have a season that potentially reduces the population by allowing the take of hens.

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E. Measures taken by the agency to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on business and economic development within the State of Kansas, local government, and individuals;

The allowed harvest of fall turkeys in certain units has been reduced from 4 birds to 1 bird. The only other reduction possible is to close the season in certain units.

F. An estimate, expressed as a total dollar figure, of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to business, local governments, or members of the public.

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Do the above total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period?

YES NO

Give a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the above cost estimate.

The total number of fall turkey permits and game tags sold was 6,262 in 2017. This generated approximately \$157,000 for the agency, all of which accrued to the wildlife fee fund, and is paid by user fees. Additionally, each individually identifiable turkey hunter (6,232) goes 11 days afield per year and spends approximately \$1616 per year, generating approximately \$10,000,000 for the Kansas economy, based on economic studies provided by the USFWS. It is estimated that fall turkey sales will be reduced by 5,000 permits, resulting in a total reduction to the agency of approximately \$137,500 and \$8,000,000 to the economy of the state over the previous season.

Prior to the submission or resubmission of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), did the agency hold a public hearing if the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period to find that the estimated costs have been accurately determined and are necessary for achieving legislative intent? If applicable, document when the public hearing was held, those in attendance, and any pertinent information from the hearing.

YES NO

The agency held prior commission meetings on August 2, in Medicine Lodge, KS at which 11 people signed the attendance roster and on June 21 in Wichita, KS at which 7 people signed the attendance roster. The agency will also hold a meeting on November 15, in Russell, KS. At each of these meetings, public

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comment was or will be taken on the regulation, in addition to the official public comment period provided by statute and at the public hearing tentatively to be set in December.

- G. If the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, or imposes functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or school districts that will increase expenditures or fiscal liability, describe how the state agency consulted with the League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties, and/or the Kansas Association of School Boards.**

Not applicable.

- H. Describe how the agency consulted and solicited information from businesses, associations, local governments, state agencies, or institutions and members of the public that may be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).**

News releases to every newspaper in the state, discussion at prior public hearings and meetings which are broadcast online, publication in the Kansas Register and publication on the Department's website.

- I. For environmental rule(s) and regulation(s) describe the costs that would likely accrue if the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are not adopted, as well as the persons would bear the costs and would be affected by the failure to adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s).**

Not applicable.

