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Legislative Update

*Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
Public Affairs Section*

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SB = Senate Bill | HB = House Bill | ERO = Executive Reorganization Order

ERO No. 48

This Executive Reorganization Order would relocate the state's Tourism Division to the Kansas Department of Commerce, and designate the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism as the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

This ERO was submitted by Governor Laura Kelly to the Kansas Legislature on Jan. 25, 2021. This ERO becomes effective on July 1, 2021, following its transmittal to the Legislature, unless within 60 calendar days of

transmittal, either the Senate or House adopts a resolution disapproving it.

This ERO had a hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce on Feb. 11, 2021. The Department provided testimony at this hearing in support of ERO No. 48. [To view a video recording of the hearing, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZiu_tXK0lM.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZiu_tXK0lM) On Feb. 12, 2021, the Senate Committee on Commerce introduced Senate Resolution No. 1709 – a resolution that would approve ERO No. 48. No House action has been taken as of the date of this publication.

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HB2025

This bill would prohibit KDWPT law enforcement officers from conducting physical or electronic surveillance on private property without a warrant.

This bill was prefiled on Dec. 31, 2020, and introduced on Jan. 11, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On Jan. 21, 2021, this bill was withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture and referred to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

This bill had a hearing on Feb. 4, 2021. [The Department provided testimony at the hearing in opposition to this bill. To view a video recording of the hearing, visit \[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvyIb_mwKXM\]\(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvyIb_mwKXM\).](#)

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HB2032

This bill would make the use of artificial light for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking wildlife unlawful.

This bill is a response to action taken by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission to allow the use of artificial light and thermal-imaging equipment when hunting coyotes at night.

This bill was prefiled on January 4, 2021, and introduced on January 11, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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HB2284

This bill would reduce fees by 50 percent for use of any state park campsite or cabin by Kansas

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residents 65 or older from Sunday through Thursday.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 9, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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HB2331

This bill would require KDWP to administer the transfer of regular landowner or tenant hunt-on-your-own-land white-tailed deer permits from the original recipient to a nonresident.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 10, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On Feb. 18, 2021, this bill was withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development.

This bill had a hearing on Feb. 22, 2021. The Department provided testimony at the hearing in opposition to this bill. To view a video recording of the hearing, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyTzJv-J-qU>.

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HB2336

This bill would make it unlawful to take a wildlife simulated device being used by a law enforcement officer for the purpose of enforcing the wildlife laws of this state.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 10, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

This bill had a hearing on Feb. 22, 2021. The Department provided testimony at the hearing in support of this bill. To view a video recording of the hearing, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqGwDM5tGk8>.

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HB2353

This bill would establish the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 10, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

This bill had a hearing on Feb. 24, 2021. To view a video recording of the hearing, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgKst6-96EU>.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB2353.

HB2392

This bill would provide lifetime combination fishing, hunting and furharvester licenses to any Kansas air or army national guard veteran who served for 20 years and was honorably discharged.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 16, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB2392.

SB142

This bill would require coast guard-approved personal flotation devices as prescribed by the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism in rules and regulations.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 4, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on Feb. 5, 2021.

This bill had a hearing on Feb. 23, 2021. The Department provided testimony at the hearing in support of this bill. To view a video recording of the hearing, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDhvzZQbixk>.

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SB145

This bill would authorize the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to purchase land in Kingman county.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 4, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means on Feb. 5, 2021.

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SB160

This bill would update the reference to the guidelines of the American Fisheries Society in the commercialization of wildlife statute.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 8, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on Feb. 9, 2021.

This bill had a hearing on Feb. 24, 2021. The Department provided testimony at the hearing in support of this bill. To view a video recording of the hearing, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEon95-gaug>.

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SB225

This bill would provide affiliation with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism for membership of certain law enforcement.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 11, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance on Feb. 12, 2021.

This bill had a hearing on Feb. 23, 2021. The Department provided testimony at the hearing in support of this bill. To view a video recording of the hearing, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSZNXZVPUyo>.

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SB236

This bill would establish the Kansas commission for the United States semiquincentennial.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 12, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Commerce on Feb. 15, 2021.

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