

## ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

**K.A.R. 115-25-1.** Prairie chickens; open seasons, bag limits, and possession limits.

**DESCRIPTION:** This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting seasons, bag limits, and possession limits for prairie chickens. The proposed changes different from previous prairie chicken seasons include having a continuous open season in the east unit rather than a split season, moving the boundary of the southwest unit northward and opening the prairie chicken season in the southwest unit on November 1 rather than December 1. This proposal would also remove pheasant and quail seasons from this regulation and place those species of upland birds into separate regulations.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** None.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** It is not anticipated that the amendments would have any substantial economic impact on the department, the general public, or other agencies.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** Two alternatives were considered including a 92 day season for the southwest unit and requiring a permit for prairie chicken hunting in the southwest unit.