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# Legislative Update

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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. 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.

Click [HERE](#) to view **SR1709**, and [HERE](#) to view **ERO No. 48**.

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## HB2025

**This bill would protect private property from unauthorized access by certain government officials and unauthorized surveillance.**

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 On Jan. 21, 2021, this bill was withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture and referred to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.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 this hearing with concerns that this bill could impact game wardens' abilities to investigate poaching, trespassing and other wildlife-related violations on private lands.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB2025.

## 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.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB2032.

## HB2284

**This bill would reduce certain camp site and cabin fees at Kansas state parks by 50% for senior citizens.**

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

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## HB2331

**This bill would provide for the limited transfer of landowner or tenant deer hunting permits to nonresidents.**

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 has a hearing scheduled for Feb. 22, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 346-S. The Department will provide testimony at this hearing.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB2331.

## 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 has a hearing scheduled for Feb. 22, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 112-N. The Department will provide testimony at this hearing.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB2336.

## 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 has a hearing scheduled for Feb. 24, 2021 at 9 a.m. in Room 112-N.

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## 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 has a hearing scheduled for Feb. 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 144-S. The Department will provide testimony at this hearing.

Click [HERE](#) to view SB142.

## 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.

Click [HERE](#) to view SB145.

## 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 has a hearing scheduled for Feb. 24, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 144-S. The Department will provide testimony at this hearing.

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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 has a hearing scheduled for Feb. 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 546-S. The Department will provide testimony at this hearing.

Click [HERE](#) to view **SB225**.

## 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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