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Legislative Update

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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=OZ1u_tXKolM.

On Feb. 12, 2021, the Senate Committee on Commerce introduced Senate Resolution No. 1709 – a resolution that would approve ERO

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No. 48. ERO No. 48 is currently listed on both the Senate and House calendars as a Special Order of Business.

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

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 On Jan. 21, 2021, this bill was withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture and referred to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.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=Xvylb_mwKXM.

On March 1, 2021, the Committee on Federal and State Affairs amended the bill and recommended that HB2025 be passed as amended.

On March 15, 2021, this bill was withdrawn from the calendar and rereferred to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB2025 as introduced. Click [HERE](#) to view HB2025 as amended.

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.

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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**.

HB2089

This is a substitute bill that would permit school districts to provide firearm safety education programs but require that they be in conformance with two specific programs.

On March 15, 2021, the Committee on Federal and State Affairs recommended that a substitute bill for HB2089 be passed. On March 18, 2021, the House passed Substitute for HB2089 in a 75-47 vote.

This bill was introduced to the Senate on March 18, 2021.

Click [HERE](#) to view **HB2089** as introduced. Click [HERE](#) to view **Substitute for HB2089**.

HB2263

This bill would approve the operation and use of electric-assisted bicycles and regulating the use thereof.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 8, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

This bill had a hearing on Feb. 17, 2021. To view a video recording of the hearing, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP1s8ioDOrE>.

On Feb. 25, 2021, the Committee on Transportation recommended that HB2263 be passed as amended.

On March 5, 2021, this bill was stricken from the calendar by Rule 1507.

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HB2284

This bill would reduce fees by 50 percent for use of any state park campsite or cabin by Kansas residents 65 or older from Sunday through Thursday.

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

Click [HERE](#) to view HB2284.

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>.

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.

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On Feb. 25, 2021, the Committee on Agriculture recommended that HB2336 be passed.

On March 5, 2021, this bill was stricken from the calendar by Rule 1507.

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

On March 17, 2021, the Committee on Appropriations recommended that HB2353 be passed as amended.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB2353 as introduced. Click [HERE](#) to view HB2353 as amended.

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.

This bill had a hearing on March 17, 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=l_f_8dcuVIY.

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The Department is opposed to the bill in its current form because it is unfunded. The initial loss of the lifetime license revenue would be significant, but it would be compounded annually because the Department would not be able to count those licenses for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) funds, which are based, in part, on the the number of individual hunters and anglers who purchase a license in a given year.

Click [HERE](#) to view **HB2392**.

SB101

This bill would approve the operation and use of electric-assisted bicycles and regulating the use thereof.

This bill was introduced on Jan. 28, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Transportation on Jan. 29, 2021.

This bill had a hearing on Feb. 17, 2021. To view a video recording of the hearing, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzThWuD7tGI>.

On Feb. 26, 2021, the Committee on Transportation recommended that SB101 be passed as amended. On March 3, 2021, the Senate passed SB101 as amended in a 36-3 vote.

This bill was introduced to the House on March 10, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

[This bill has a hearing scheduled for March 22, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 582-N.](#)

Click [HERE](#) to view **SB101 as introduced**. Click [HERE](#) to view **SB101 as amended**.

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.

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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=oDhvzZQb1Xk>.

On Feb. 25, 2021, the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources recommended that SB142 be passed as amended. On March 2, 2021, the Senate passed SB142 as amended in a 36-3 vote.

This bill was introduced to the House on March 3, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

This bill had a hearing on March 16, 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=r4heQwaHuaU>.

Click [HERE](#) to view SB142. Click [HERE](#) to view SB142 as amended.

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.

This bill had a hearing scheduled on March 15, 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=7-dMoli42yw>.

On March 16, 2021, the Committee on Ways and Means recommended that SB145 be passed.

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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-qaug>.

On Feb. 25, 2021, the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources recommended that SB160 be passed and placed on the consent calendar. On March 2, 2021, the Senate passed SB160 in a 38-1 vote.

This bill was introduced to the House on March 3, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

This bill has a hearing scheduled for March 22, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 112-N. The Department will provide testimony at the hearing in support of this bill.

Click [HERE](#) to view SB160.

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.

Click [HERE](#) to view SB236.

SB269

This bill would prohibit the sale, slaughter and acquisition of live dangerous regulated animals, including nonhuman primates and wolves as dangerous regulated animals and requiring sufficient distance and barriers between dangerous regulated animals and the public.

This bill was introduced on Feb. 23, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on Feb. 24, 2021.

Click [HERE](#) to view SB269.

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