115-25-1a. Quail; open seasons, bag limits, and possession limits. (a) The open season for the taking of quail shall be the second Saturday in November through January 31 of the following year.

(b) The youth season for the taking of quail shall begin on the first Saturday in November and shall continue for two consecutive days, including the opening day. Only a person who is 17 years of age or younger and who is accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older may hunt during the youth season for the taking of quail.

(c) The entire state shall be open for the taking of quail.

(d) (1) The daily bag limit during the open season for the taking of quail shall be eight quail.

(2) The daily bag limit during the youth season for the taking of quail shall be four quail.

(e) (1) The possession limit during the open season for the taking of quail shall be 32 quail.

(2) The possession limit during the youth season for the taking of quail shall be eight quail.

This regulation shall be effective on and after August 1, 2021. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 32-807.)

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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 regulation sets the open seasons, bag limits, and possession limits for quail. The proposed version of the regulation would allow youths 17 and under to hunt in the youth season.

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)***

This is not a federal mandate. Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado all have varying regulations dealing with upland bird seasons and equipment.

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 proposed version of the regulation will not enhance or restrict business activities and growth.

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 proposed version of the regulation would not impact specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals or local governments.

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

None.

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

The proposed version of the regulation would allow youths 17 and under to hunt in the youth season in an effort to encourage

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participation and standardize youth seasons across all youth seasons.

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;

There are no negative costs and impacts on businesses associated with this proposal.

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.

None.

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

None.

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.

16 and 17 year-old youths already require a hunting license to participate in the youth upland season as the age of licensure is 16. The proposed version of the regulation is merely allowing another year of participation in the youth 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 ☒

Quail hunting is a subset of small game hunting. Small game hunting requires a general hunting license. Big game hunting requires a permit for the species to be hunted as well as a general hunting license. As a result, the agency cannot determine the economic impact of the sale of hunting licenses specifically used to hunt quail. However, based on 2020 hunting license sales, the agency sold approximately 156,236 general hunting licenses of all categories, both resident and nonresident, generating approximately $9,209,640.00, all of which accrues to the wildlife fee fund. The sale of small game hunting licenses generates an additional $73,743,392.00 for the Kansas economy, based on data contained in a report published by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service every five years. The agency held public hearings on this regulation on January

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14, attended by 52 members of the public and will hold a public hearings on March 25, April 29 and June 17.

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.

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