

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
Public Affairs Section

2022 Legislative Update

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SB = Senate Bill | HB = House Bill

SB 101 (2021)

**Now House Substitute for SB 101;
This bill would approve the
operation and use of electric-
assisted bicycles and regulating the
use thereof.**

The original bill was introduced on January 28, 2021 and referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation on January 29, 2021. It had a hearing on February 17, 2021 and the Committee recommended it be passed as amended on February 26, 2021. On March 3, 2021, the Senate passed SB 101 as amended.

This bill was then introduced to the House on March 10, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Transportation. It had a hearing on February 1, 2022, and on February 16, 2022, the Committee recommended the substitute bill be passed. On March 2, 2022, the Committee of the Whole recommended the substitute bill be passed as amended. The Senate did not concur with the amendments, therefore a Conference Committee has been requested.

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SB 225 (2021)

This bill would provide affiliation with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks 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>.

Click [HERE](#) to view SB 225.

SB 269 (2021)

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.

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

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HB 2025 (2021)

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

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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.

On March 1, 2021, the Committee on Federal and State Affairs amended the bill and recommended that HB 2025 be passed as amended.

On March 15, 2021, this bill was withdrawn from the Calendar, and re-referred to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

On March 24, 2021, the Committee on Federal and State Affairs published a Committee Report recommending this bill be passed as amended.

On March 29, 2021, the Committee of the Whole adopted the Committee Report; then, a motion to recommend the bill favorably for passage failed.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB 2025 as introduced.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB 2025 as amended.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB 2025 as further amended.

HB 2032 (2021)

Making 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 and Parks 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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HB 2284 (2021)

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 HB 2284.

HB 2331 (2021)

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.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB 2331.

HB 2392 (2021)

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 February 16, 2021 and referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

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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.

Click [HERE](#) to view **HB 2392**.

SB 395 (Previously HB 2025 in 2021)

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

This bill was introduced on January 26, 2022, and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary on January 27, 2022.

This bill had a hearing on February 1, 2022. The Department provided testimony in opposition to this bill, which can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/78LUyEDS4V8>.

On February 15, 2022, the Committee recommended this bill be passed as amended; and, on February 23, 2022, the Senate passed SB 395 as amended in a 30-9 vote.

This bill was introduced on March 1, 2022 and referred to the House Committee on Judiciary. This bill has a hearing on March 7, 2022 at 3:30 p.m., which can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/66RHLgXx9ck>.

Click [HERE](#) to view past and current forms of **SB 395**.

SB 451 (2022)

This bill would require an individual to maintain enrollment on a tribal membership roll to receive a free permanent hunting license.

This bill was introduced on February 8, 2022 and referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on February 9, 2022. This bill had a hearing on February 17, 2022, which can be viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ig2opovDzpY>.

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On February 17, 2022, the Committee recommended this bill be passed and placed on the Consent Calendar.

On February 23, 2022, the Senate passed SB 451 and placed it on the Consent Calendar in a 40-0 vote.

On March 1, 2022, this bill was introduced and referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

Click [HERE](#) to view SB 451.

HB 2456 (2022)

This bill would establish a \$200 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license for children ages five (5) and under.

This bill was prefiled on May 26, 2021, and referred to the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget on January 10, 2022.

This bill had a hearing on January 26, 2022. The Department provided testimony in opposition to the bill, which can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/D9BXoEBDPHE>.

On February 1, 2022, the Committee recommended this bill be passed as amended; and, on February 23, 2022, the House passed HB 2456 as amended in a 117-4 vote.

On March 1, 2022, this bill was introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

This bill had a hearing on March 7, 2022, which can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/CV98WcSFep8>.

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HB 2479 (2022)

This bill would make unlawful the capture or possession of ornate box turtles.

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This bill was introduced on January 13, 2022 and referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

This bill had a hearing on January 27, 2022. The Department provided testimony, which can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/X5izJWQldl>.

Click [HERE](#) to view **HB 2479**.

HB 2597 (2022)

This bill would provide for four distinctive license plates for the Kansas department of wildlife and parks.

This bill was introduced on February 3, 2022 and referred to the House Committee on Transportation.

This bill had a hearing on February 10, 2022, which can be viewed here https://youtu.be/Y6NiCg_nsfq.

On February 15, 2022, the Committee recommended the bill be passed; and, on February 23, 2022, the House passed HB 2597 in a 116-5 vote.

On March 1, 2022, the bill was introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation.

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