

2023 Legislative Update

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

**SB = Senate Bill | HB = House Bill
CR = Concurrent Resolution**

HB 2006

Making the use of artificial light for the purpose of spotting, locating or taking wildlife unlawful and restricting rule and regulation authority.

This bill was prefiled on 1/5. On 1/9, this bill was introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

No hearings have been scheduled as of the time of this update.

Click [HERE](#) to view HB 2006.

HB 2039

Exempting disabled veterans from certain requirements and fees relating to hunting and fishing licenses.

This bill was introduced in the House, and referred to the House Committee on Veterans and Military on 1/17.

This bill had hearing on 1/24, and was scheduled for final action on 2/7.

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On 2/7, the Committee Report recommended this bill be passed as amended.

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HB 2079

Establishing a statutory white-tailed deer firearm hunting season and requiring the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to provide resident hunting license holders certain permits free of charge.

This bill was introduced in the House, and referred to the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget on 1/18.

No hearings have been scheduled as of the time of this update.

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HB 2198

Providing membership affiliation in the Kansas Police and Firemen's Retirement System for certain law enforcement officers and employees of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

This bill was introduced in the House, and referred to the House Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions on 1/26.

No hearings have been scheduled as of the time of this update.

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HB 2331

Designating Lehigh Portland state park.

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This bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on 2/7.

No hearings have been scheduled as of the time of this update.

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HB 2332

Updating references and corresponding changes related to 2021 Executive Reorganization Order No. 48 and the transfer of the Division of Tourism from the Department of Wildlife and Parks to the Department of Commerce.

This bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on 2/7.

This bill has a hearing scheduled for 2/14.

Click [HERE](#) to view **HB 2332**.

SB 105

Authorizing the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to purchase land in Jewell county.

This bill was introduced in the Senate on 1/26. On 1/27, this bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

No hearings have been scheduled as of the time of this update.

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SB 116

Standardizing firearms safety programs in school districts.

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This bill was introduced in the Senate on 1/27, and referred to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs on 1/30.

This bill has a hearing scheduled for 2/8.

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SCR 1602

Disapproving the designation of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species in Kansas by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

This resolution was introduced in the Senate, and adopted without roll call, on 1/23. On 1/24, this resolution was received and introduced in the House, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

This bill had a hearing on 2/6.

On 2/7, the Committee Report recommended this resolution be adopted.

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