

January 25, 2010

The Honorable Larry Powell, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Powell:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2459 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2459 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires that persons hunting prairie rattlesnakes possess a valid Kansas hunting license. HB 2459 would exempt residents of the state who hunt prairie rattlesnakes from this requirement. In addition, the bill would abolish from existing law the permit requirements and fees applicable to commercial harvesting of prairie rattlesnakes.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks anticipates no fiscal effect from the passage of HB 2459. No permit applications have been filed for harvesting prairie rattlesnakes since 2006.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Dick Koerth, W&P