

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**K.A.R. 115-25-5** Turkey; open season, bag limit, and permits

**DESCRIPTION:** This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limit and season dates for the 2011 fall wild turkey seasons. The proposed changes would change management units from 4 units to 6 units. Otherwise, the regulation would be unchanged from previous seasons.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** None

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** It is anticipated that 15,150 fall turkey hunting permits and tags will be issued in 2012. This total includes 7500 resident permits, 2700 second turkey game tags and 2000 nonresident permits. Estimated revenue if all permits are issued would be \$220,000. That amount represents an equal expenditure for those individuals desiring to participate in the fall turkey hunting season. Administrative costs associated with the season are borne by the department.

The department estimates over 24,000 days of hunting activity will occur, thus providing economic benefit to businesses providing goods and services. No other economic impact on the general public or on other state agencies is anticipated.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.