

## ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

**115-14-15.** Falconry; transfers, trading, and sale of raptors.

**DESCRIPTION:** This new administrative regulation details transfers, trading and sale of raptors. The provisions contained in the previous regulations as well as provisions from federal regulations are included in the new regulation. The provisions include transfer of raptors, prohibiting sale of wild-caught raptors, marking of transferred raptors, and reporting of transferred raptors.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** The practice of falconry and the management of raptors as migratory species is governed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any state falconry program must be approved by the USFWS and must operate within federal limits. Kansas has had a federally-approved program since 1988. The opportunity exists to move from a dual management system to a state-only managed system with federal oversight.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The proposed regulation is not anticipated to have any appreciable economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.