

## ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

**K.A.R. 115-25-6.** Turkey; spring season, bag limit, permits and game tags.

**DESCRIPTION:** This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limits and season dates for the spring turkey hunting season. The proposed changes would change opening dates beginning in 2015, splitting the youth season opening date from the archery season and moving back the firearms season opening date by one week.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** None.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** It is anticipated that approximately 47,165 permits and 26,289 turkey game tags will be issued in 2014, based on 2013 permit allocation data. The estimated 47,165 permits include 27,055 regular resident permits (of which 4,065 are resident youth permits), 5,671 landowner-tenant permits, and 14,553 non-resident permits. The estimated 26,289 turkey game tags include 15,406 resident game tags and 10,883 nonresident game tags. Estimated revenue if the above number of permits and tags are issued would be \$1,300,280.00.

Administrative costs associated with the season are borne by the department.

Approximately 320,000 recreational days of hunting could occur, thus providing economic benefit to businesses providing goods and services. No other economic impact on the department, general public, small businesses, or on other state agencies is anticipated.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.