ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-4-11. Big game permit applications.

<u>DESCRIPTION:</u> This regulation addresses permit application requirements for obtaining big game permits. The proposed amendments would require the purchase of a nonresident hunting license upon application for a general nonresident deer permit. A nonresident hunting license is already required to hunt deer with a valid deer permit. Unsuccessful nonresident deer permit applicants would be refunded the value of the hunting license.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: Department data shows that nine percent of nonresident general deer permit holders do not purchase the required hunting license. Besides ensuring compliance with the law, the requirement is expected to generate \$126,000 per year, all of which would accrue to the wildlife fee fund. Otherwise, the proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any appreciable negative economic impact on the department, other agencies, small businesses or the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.