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# Legislative Update

*Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism  
Public Affairs Section*

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**SB = Senate Bill | HB = House Bill | ERO = Executive Reorganization Order**

## **ERO No. 48**

**This Executive Reorganization Order would relocate the state's Tourism Division to the Kansas Department of Commerce, and designate the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism as the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.**

This ERO was submitted by Governor Laura Kelly to the Kansas Legislature on Jan. 25, 2021. This ERO becomes effective on July 1, 2021, following its transmittal to the Legislature, unless within 60 calendar days of

transmittal, either the Senate or House adopts a resolution disapproving it.

Click [HERE](#) to view ERO No. 48.

## **HB2025**

**This bill would prevent KDWPT law enforcement officers and county weed supervisors from accessing private property, and conducting surveillance, unless authorized by a search warrant or judicial exception.**

This bill was prefiled on Dec. 31, 2020, and

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introduced on Jan. 11, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On Jan. 21, 2021, this bill was withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture and referred to the Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

[This bill has a hearing scheduled for Feb. 4, 2021 at 9 a.m. in Room 346-S.](#) The Department will provide testimony at this hearing with concerns that this bill could impact game wardens' abilities to assist landowners with poaching and trespassing complaints, as well as inhibit search-and-rescue efforts and other first responder services.

Click [HERE](#) to view **HB2025**.

## **HB2032**

**This bill would make the use of artificial light for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking wildlife unlawful.**

This bill is a response to action taken by the Kansas, Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission to allow the use of artificial light and thermal-imaging equipment when hunting coyotes at night.

This bill was prefiled on January 4, 2021, and introduced on January 11, 2021 and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Click [HERE](#) to view **HB2032**.

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## **About KDWPT**

KDWPT is a cabinet-level agency with a Secretary appointed by the Governor. It's mission is to conserve and enhance Kansas' natural resources and associated outdoor recreation.

## **About the Legislative Update**

This report, compiled by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's (KDWPT) Public Affairs Section, is updated regularly with bills in the 2021 Kansas Legislative Session that potentially affect KDWPT and/or KDWPT's constituents.

## **Legislative Resources**

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