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## Deer Grove RV Park

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Testimony on SB 25

To  
The Honorable Les Mason  
The Representative Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development  
Statehouse, Room 112-N, Topeka, Kansas 66612

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I am in support of SB 25 as I believe that the State Park fees are not in line with local private industry and with current markets. SB 25 as amended would be a benefit to the Kansas State Park System, private RV Parks, private cabin rentals, and the motel industry; as well as the Kansas economy.

The current State Park fee structure does not allow for KDWP&T to establish its fees based on the local markets. This inability affects not only the State Park revenues but affects the nearby private industry's revenues as well by putting private RV Parks, cabins, and motels at a disadvantage. Private industry is unable to raise their fees high enough to make sufficient revenue to pay their employee's proper wages, pay their commercial costs associated with a commercial business, or to pay their income, property and sales taxes. Private industry correspondingly does not have the opportunity to receive bulk discounts that is a privilege enjoyed by the Kansas State Park system. When government competition happens, everyone loses.

By implementing this bill, it will benefit the Kansas economy by decreasing the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks current reliance on State revenue sources, such as Department of Transportation and the Economic Development Initiatives Fund. It will assist in detouring State / Private Industry from competing on an uneven field. I believe that this bill should be passed to provide a better revenue source to both the private industry and the Kansas State Parks system.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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