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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 77**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

SB 77 would name the bison herd at the Mined Land Wildlife Area in Crawford County the “Bob Grant Bison Herd.”

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs. In the Senate Committee hearing, a spokesperson for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) presented testimony in favor of the bill. The spokesperson stated the bison herd is one of three herds maintained in the state by the agency. The particular bison herd named in the bill currently has five bison, which are located in Cherokee County while the KDWPT refurbishes the Crawford County bison pen. The spokesperson indicated KDWPT would phase in the appropriate signage and publications as they are needed.

The KDWPT spokesperson and Senate Committee members spoke to former Representative Bob Grant’s passion and interest in the bison herd in Southeast Kansas.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the KDWPT states the bill would require the agency to change signage at the property and change

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information in agency brochures and publications, but these changes would be phased in as signs and publications are updated as part of normal agency operations.