

**Kansas Farm Bureau**  
**WRITTEN POLICY STATEMENT**

**House Agriculture and Natural Resources**  
**Budget Committee**

**Re:HB 2149 concerning the Department of Wildlife and Parks**

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Chairperson Schwartz and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony today on House Bill 2149. Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) has general policy that opposes increasing the number of acres owned by the state or federal government in Kansas. Additionally, KFB policy encourages, leasing of land (Walk-In Hunting/Fishing Areas), rather than purchase, by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) for hunting and fishing activities.

Although HB 2149 does not prevent acquisition of publicly owned land by KDWP, it does reduce the acreage allowable without Legislative oversight and approval. Therefore we see this as an appropriate action to take. We encourage the committee to act favorably on HB 2149. I would be happy to address questions about our position or policy at your convenience.