

## ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

**K.A.R. 115-25-5** Turkey; open season, bag limit, and permits

**DESCRIPTION:** This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limit, application periods and season dates for the 2005 fall firearm and archery wild turkey seasons. One substantive change is proposed. The length of the fall wild turkey hunting season would be extended through the end of January, excluding the firearms deer season and the extended firearms deer season. Otherwise, the regulation would be unchanged from previous seasons.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** None

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** It is anticipated that 15,000 fall turkey hunting permits and tags will be issued in 2005. This total includes 9500 resident permits, 4,500 second turkey game tags and 1000 nonresident permits. Estimated revenue if all permits are issued would be \$265,000. That amount represents an equal expenditure for those individuals desiring to participate in the fall turkey hunting season. Administrative costs associated with the season are borne by the department.

The department estimates over 20,000 days of hunting activity will occur, thus providing economic benefit to businesses providing goods and services. No other economic impact on the general public or on other state agencies is anticipated.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.