

## ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

**K.A.R. 115-18-14.** Nontoxic shot; statewide.

**DESCRIPTION:** This permanent regulation establishes legal types of shot for hunting migratory waterfowl and other migratory wetland birds. The proposed amendment would add two materials that received federal approval for use when hunting migratory waterfowl.

**FEDERAL MANDATE:** The state regulation may be more restrictive than the federal regulation, but not more lenient. By adding these materials to the state's approved list, the state list would include all of those types of shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Use of the new shot type is solely at the hunter's discretion. New shot material types are generally more expensive than most other types of shot currently approved for use within the state (probably more than twice the cost of steel shot, for example).

Consequently, the number of hunters deciding to use these types of shot is anticipated to be relatively small. Nonetheless, to the extent they are purchased and used by hunters, the proposed amendment would provide an economic benefit to resident businesses selling these types of shot.

No other economic impacts are expected for the department, other agencies or the public.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.