

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2198

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Chairman Longbine, Vice Chair Fagg, and committee members:

My name is Kevin Johnson, and I have worked for Topeka Correctional Facility for over 25 years as a correctional officer.

I write to you in support of HB 2198, which moves certain law enforcement officers from Wildlife & Parks to the Kansas Police and Fire (KP&F) retirement fund. Our brothers and sisters across agencies in law enforcement should have access to this retirement.

I'm also sworn law enforcement. And, while I have been working a long time in corrections, and might not be able to be a part of KP&F for long since my retirement date is getting closer, it makes a big difference for the younger COs who work alongside me.

KP&F would be an important piece in the recruitment and retention of corrections officers, should we also be included.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kevin Johnson
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