



**Kansas Association of
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**Testimony to Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Opponent Testimony on SB 373
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Chairman Thompson and Committee Members,

This testimony is on behalf of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police in opposition to SB 373.

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police strongly opposes SB 373.

The impact of SB 373 will be to effectively silence and disenfranchise the law enforcement associations across the state. Currently, the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriff's Association and the Kansas Peace Officers Associations use a common lobbyist to further law enforcement goals in the interest of the members and for the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Kansas. The associations represent over 6,600 sworn officers in Kansas.

If SB 373 were to pass, there would be no unified voice from the law enforcement associations. Legislators would have to reach out to a pool of over 100 sheriffs or over 300 police chiefs across the state to get input on general questions or pending legislation.

The existing framework for our lobbyist allows each legislator a common point-of-contact through our legislative liaison, Ed Klumpp. He is the legislative liaison for the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriff's Association and the Kansas Peace Officers Association. Under the current structure of SB 373, this resource for the legislature will be eliminated.

The Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police would ask the committee to strongly consider not passing SB 373. The KACP has grave concerns about the unintended, detrimental consequences if this bill were to pass.

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