

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2198

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Chairman Longbine, Vice Chair Fagg, and committee members:

My name is Kevin Pistotnik and I have worked at El Dorado Correctional Facility for six years as a correctional officer, I am currently a corrections supervisor 1.

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. I fully believe that sworn law enforcement from all agencies should be allowed to be a part of KP&F.

I would also ask that you please keep in mind that correctional officers like me are also sworn law enforcement, and would benefit greatly from also being included in this fund.

Corrections work can be dangerous and is physically as well as mentally difficult. Our KDOC system continues to struggle with short staffing as well as difficulty recruiting and retaining workers. El Dorado Correctional Facility has specifically had major problems with this, that are ongoing. While this doesn't fix everything immediately, inclusion in KP&F of workers like me would assist greatly with those problems.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Kevin Pistotnik