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**Neutral Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary
On SB246**

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Chair Warren and Committee Members:

Our associations hold no opinion or position on the main purpose of this bill. However, we have an amendment we would like to see made to K.S.A. 22-4714 found in section 3 of this bill. That amendment would be to subsection (c) found on page 8, lines 38-39. The amendment would restore a provision in many of the statutes in place prior to the amendments in 2024 that were unintentionally omitted in the major re-write of the employment and licensing fingerprint statutes were made. **The amendment would add the following sentence at the end of the existing provision of this subsection: “Local and state law enforcement officers and agencies may charge a fee as reimbursement for expenses incurred in taking and processing fingerprints under this section.”** The amendment could be made in either or both SB246 and SB248.

While this provision was contained in many of the statutes prior to the 2024 amendments, the wording was not always exactly the same. The language we are proposing is the most consistent one we found in the prior statutes amended in 2024. We believe it provides for a reasonable recovery of costs limited to the actual expenses incurred. I found this in K.S.A. 75-5393a and 75-7241, however, we believe it was also in several other statutes.

As more and more of these important additions are made to the criminal history records checks, it is important to allow our agencies to recover reasonable costs of performing this service.

Thank you for considering our request.

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