

Testimony Regarding HB 2270

Senate Ways and Means Committee

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I want to thank the committee for the opportunity to appear here today and present supportive and informational testimony on HB 2270. This bill addresses an annual issue with the budgets of our agency, the Board of EMS, and Kansas Fire and Recue Training Institute. For a number of years our agencies, with the help of legislative staff, have added a proviso so that the 10% SGF fee is taken off the top of the transfer before any funds are distributed to the agencies. The legislature has also set a limit of \$100,000 on the SGF transfer. The proviso became necessary when the 10% SGF fee was being taken only from our agency's share of the Insurance Premium Levee Fund. In consultation with the Budget Directors Office and legislative staff, it was decided that moving the proviso language to K.S.A 75-1514 would actually make the 10% SGF fee transfer up to \$100,000 permanent and that the annual budget proviso would no longer be needed. This also alleviates the potential of the necessity of the proviso being lost or forgotten about in future years due to changes in staffing at our office, the Division of Budget, and/or staff at the Kansas Legislative Research Department.