



## KANSAS STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION

To: House Financial Institutions and Pensions Committee

From: Kansas State Troopers Association  
Steve Kearney, Executive Vice President

Date: February 19, 2024

Re: Support for House Bill 2711

Chairman Hoheisel and members of the Committee:

Thank you for taking the time today to consider the remarks of the Kansas State Troopers Association (KSTA) concerning House bill 2711. Our organization represents over four hundred troopers, motor carrier inspectors, capital police officers and retirees. Our members serve the citizens of Kansas in the traditional role of supporting and keeping Kansans safe on the highways, as well as drug interdiction, DUI enforcement, serving in special operations units like the Special Response Team, as well as the Aircraft unit which assists with manhunts, active shooters, and search and rescue operations. Our Troop K members (the Capitol Police) are here each day ensuring your safety as you enter and exit the statehouse.

KSTA members are sworn law enforcement officers and are covered under KP&F. However, the Kansas Highway Patrol support personnel are covered under KPERS. We support adjusting the caps as proposed for the benefit of the KHP support personnel.

Additionally, we request you consider making the same adjustments for KP&F retirees in those statutes. This would be an additional tool for the KHP in hiring retired law enforcement officers for part time positions where their skills can be utilized in reducing staff shortages.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.