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Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center Act (SB 184)
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center (KIFC) is the core of Kansas Homeland Security efforts. The KIFC provides vital information for early threat warning, prevention efforts, and risk assessment for public officials charged with making sound policy decisions through predictive analysis. It is seen as an unparalleled "model" center among federal and state programs for both effectiveness and protection of civil liberties. The KIFC is currently analyzing systems-level threats to Kansas' critical infrastructure, working with private industry to improve cyber security, and partnering with key subject matter experts on identifying bio-threats to animal, plant and human health.

To enhance our ability to perform these critical missions, Senate Bill 184 accomplishes three goals:

1. Establishes the KIFC as the official state fusion center. This ensures federal recognition of the existing organization and aligns the state with other states in regards to official establishment procedures of a state fusion center.
2. Solidifies the mission and purpose of the KIFC and statutorily establishes appropriate oversight.
3. Allows for cost sharing agreements to be developed between the Adjutant General's Department and KIFC partners. The result of this will be greater coverage of and participation by Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) elements.

These provisions strengthen the construct of the KIFC and will enhance our ability to defend our home state and nation from new and emerging threats. None of us know when or where the next attack will take place, so we must remain vigilant. Kansas' ability to identify and fulfill its own analytical needs is, and will increasingly be, critical to the well-being of our citizens, government and critical infrastructure.

I support this bill and appreciate your time. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted by:

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