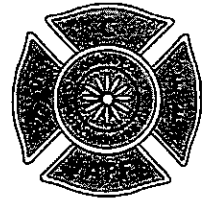




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Testimony of Dennis Phillips

RE: HB 2217

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I thank you for this opportunity to appear before you today. I am here on behalf of the Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters (KSCFF). The KSCFF would ask you to oppose HB 2217. Over the past 10 years many public employee's organizations throughout Kansas have worked with the Kansas Legislator to improve the funding of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS). Working together the funding levels for KPERS have improve greatly.

The KSCFF feels HB 2217 would be a step backward toward reaching the goal of 100 percent funding for KPERS. When funds are diverted away from KPERS this has a detrimental effect on reaching the goal of 100 percent funded.

Members of KPERS can voluntary participate in the KPERS 457 plan. By having KPERS members in both KPERS and the KPERS 457 plan can greatly help provide for a better retirement.

Again, the KSCFF would ask you to oppose HB 2217 and I would stand for questions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Phillips".

Dennis Phillips
Lobbyist KSCFF