

Greetings,

My name is Cody D. Hill and I work at the Topeka Correctional Facility as an officer. I oppose this bill. I am writing to you as a private Kansas citizen, and not representing any state agency or my employer.

I am sorry I cannot be present to testify in person as I am occupied performing my duties to ensure the safety of the state. With my agency struggling to be fully staffed and with the ongoing issues revolving around the inadequate pay that our correctional officers receive. Taking away my ability as a KOSE member to be able to have my dues, (which I chose as an active member of my Union), is perpendicular to my choice and only serves to make my life more difficult.

To say that you are helping employees out by doing this is a waste time, when your focus should be on many of the issues that are present within the system. If you are needing direction in this you can look to the mentioned inadequate wages, the poor staff morale, the fact that the majority of our DOC facilities are deathtraps for both offenders and staff alike, or even the fact that you cannot retain experience officers because being an officer is not a career and does not offer benefits fitting to anything more than a job.

These are what the time and tax dollars should be spent on instead of wasting time in the name of theatrical politics.

The 2019 Session started on 01/14/02109. As it stands I am not impressed.

Sincerely,

Cody Daniel Hill

KOSE Member

Corrections Officer