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**Testimony to the House Insurance and Pensions Committee
In Support of HB2639
February 14, 2022**

Chairman Johnson and Committee Members:

Our associations support HB2639 making amendments to the waiting period for KPERS retirees to return to work. Like many professions, our member agencies are facing unprecedented difficulties in recruiting and retaining officers and other employees. We believe the reduced waiting time and other changes may help in filling vacant positions in some of our agencies.

We understand this change primarily affects the regular KPERS retirees. Our interest in the bill is for the approximately 3/4 of our law enforcement agencies participating in KPERS who are under Local KPERS and not KP&F. Those agencies employ about 1/3 of the law enforcement officers in the state.

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