



# KANSAS STATE COUNCIL OF FIRE FIGHTERS



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## Testimony of Dennis Phillips In Support of HB 2481

Chairman Longbine and Committee Members, thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony to you today. The Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters would ask for your support of HB 2481. This bill would allow for members of the Kansas Police and Fire (KP&F) to purchase time from previous in-state nonfederal employment.

Currently members of KP&F can only buy back military time but KPERS members they can also buy back in-state nonfederal time. This bill would bring KP&F members inline with KPERS members. It is our understanding that this would be at no cost to the retirement system for the member purchasing the past employment time would pay for this.

Most members in KP&F have worked else where before becoming police officers or firefighters because of the minimum age required to enter these jobs. HB 2481 would make it possible to purchase this time if it meets all the requirements.

We ask for your support of HB 2481.

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