



Kansas Insurance Department

Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance

TESTIMONY ON SB 264

HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE February 29, 2012

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Kris Kellim with the Kansas Insurance Department. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 264.

This bill would allow life insurance companies to use trust companies to manage their investments. Under current law, life companies can use certain banks that have trust powers for this purpose. These amendments add trust companies to the available options that life companies have for management of their investments.

This bill is intended to “level the playing-field” between life companies and non-life companies regarding investment management. Last session, the Kansas Legislature passed SB 185, which contained an amendment very similar to the one sought in SB 264. However, SB 185 permitted companies *other than* life companies to use trust companies to manage investments. This bill would give that same ability to life companies.

We would ask the Committee to recommend SB 264 favorable for passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear in support of this bill. I will be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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