

Testimony Regarding HB 2270

House Transportation and Public Safety Committee

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I want to thank the committee for the opportunity to appear here today and present supportive and informational testimony on HB 2270. This bill addresses an annual issue with the budgets of our agency, the Board of EMS, and Kansas Fire and Recue Training Institute. For a number of years our agencies, with the help of legislative staff, have added a proviso so that the 10% SGF fee is taken off the top of the transfer before any funds are distributed to the agencies. The legislature has also set a limit of \$100,000 on the SGF transfer. The proviso became necessary when the 10% SGF fee was being taken only from our agency's share of the Insurance Premium Levee Fund. In consultation with the Budget Directors Office and legislative staff, it was decided that moving the proviso language to K.S.A 75-1514 would actually make the 10% SGF fee transfer up to \$100,000 permanent and that the annual budget proviso would no longer be needed.

The bill also sets out the percentages of the remaining 90% of the Insurance Premium Levee funds going to each agency based on the overall percentages set out in K.S.A. 75-1508, after the 10% SGF transfer is made. Our office has also introduced HB 2242 which asks for a .2% increase from .8% to 1% in the amount of funds our agency receives from the Insurance Premium Levee. If HB 2242 is successful, then the percentages in HB 2270 would need to be revisited and adjusted accordingly.