



House Committee on Insurance

Testimony In Support of SB 250

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Good afternoon Chairman Shultz and fellow committee members. My name is Kevin Flory, and I am the 1st Vice President of the Kansas State Firefighters Association. Our association represents the approximately 16,000 members of the Kansas Fire Service both paid and volunteer, firefighter and chief officer. I am writing today to ask you to support SB 250 in its current form. This bill will allow for the family of a fallen fire service member to continue to receive the benefit of health insurance until such times as the COBRA period runs out. Many times, a benefit claim for a line of duty death can take upwards of two to three years to finalize. The COBRA period was a negotiated period that all parties agreed to as a sufficient timeframe for this bill. It is our hope that this benefit will help those family members be able to cope with other issues until such time as any death benefit may kick in. We would ask your support of this bill to assist in providing peace of mind for those families in a time of need. Your support is appreciated by all the fire service.