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Testimony of Dennis Phillips

RE: SB395

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I thank you for this opportunity to appear before you today. I am here on behalf of the Kansas State Council of Firefighters(KSCFF) to speak in opposition to SB395.

One of the benefits that fire departments statewide use for recruiting of new hires is the pension plan as currently outlined under KP&F. It is our belief that the changes proposed under this bill would hamper those efforts, as well as unfairly hurt future firefighters' pensions within the State of Kansas. Many departments are finding it more and more difficult to recruit quality applicants given the competitive nature of the fire service and this bill would further hamper those efforts. Many applicants are applying not only across the state, but across the region, and a reduction of benefits is counterproductive.

The Kansas State Council of Firefighters(KSCFF) would simply ask that you oppose this bill and continue to support the efforts of fire departments statewide to attract and retain the highest quality individuals for their ranks. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Phillips".

Dennis Phillips
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