



Kansas State Lodge

Fraternal Order of Police

Testimony to the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Substitute House Bill 2094
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Testifying in Favor of Passage
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Chairman Billinger and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing my written testimony to be entered into the record in support of Substitute House Bill 2094. My name is Mik Shanks and I am the President of the Kansas State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police. On behalf of the 3,800 members of the largest fraternal police organization in the State of Kansas we are proposing the passage of this bill.

The sacrifices by our Wartime Veterans and First Responders when they pay the ultimate price should never be forgotten. Although no one likes to approach their duties with the belief they will not survive, it is comforting to know that if something tragic were to happen, our state government will step in and support their surviving family. This bill will provide the assurance for the education and future of these family members.

Furthermore, we do not often consider the possibilities of a First Responder or Wartime Veteran who becomes disabled while carrying out their diligent duties on our behalf, rendering them unable to provide for their families. The burdens placed on both the families and the survivor is understandably unfathomable. This bill would relieve some of this burden and provides for their dependent's future. The greatest way to honor those who serve and befall tragedy is to assure their family members by providing them an opportunity for education.

Passage of this legislation is the least we can do for the sacrifices they make.

We stand for the passage of this bill.

Mik Shanks
President
Kansas State Fraternal Order of Police