



**Terry Forsyth, Testimony**  
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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Terry Forsyth and I represent the Kansas National Education Association. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony to you today taking a neutral position on SB 138.

KNEA has two over-riding principles regarding Working After Retirement. First, to make every effort to place the best possible person in education positions whether the position is certified or classified. Second, we support efforts to make Working After Retirement procedures legislatively as straight forward and simple as possible.

SB 138 is a positive fit for those two principles regarding Working After Retirement and KNEA supports the bills emphasis regarding simplifying procedures and thereby increasing the likelihood that the best possible candidate is available to fill open education positions.

KNEA is a large organization driven by members' beliefs regarding issues such as Working After Retirement. On this issue, the organization believes that Working After Retirement is a positive model for putting good teachers and employees back into the system. At the same time, there are those who also contend that increasing pay and benefits will keep people in those same positions for a longer period of time. It is because of those two beliefs we come before you with this neutral testimony.

Thank you for your time and efforts for all employees covered by the KPERS system.