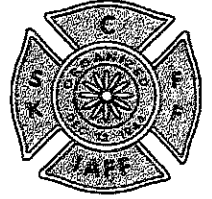




# KANSAS STATE COUNCIL OF FIRE FIGHTERS



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Testimony by Dennis Phillips

RE: HB 2100

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 Fire Fighters (KSCFF) to Ask for your support of HB 2100. This would provide for a much needed Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the retirees under KPERS.

It has been since 1998 that the retirees under KPERS have received a COLA. Inflation in this time has taken 50 percent of their buying power. Medical cost have gone up even more than inflation.

We were taught to have a 3-legged stool for retirement pension, social security and savings. Members of the Kansas Police and Fire retirement system (KP&F) have had one of their legs shorten. Under federal law their social security can be reduce by up to 40 percent because have a pension with KP&F.

Again I would ask for your support for HB 2100 and I will stand for questions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Phillips".

Dennis Phillips  
Lobbyist KSCFF