



**Kansas State Firefighters Association
Kevin Flory, President
Written Only Testimony in Support of SB 15**

Good morning Chairman Olson, and other Committee members. My name is Kevin Flory and I am the President of the Kansas State Firefighters Association (KSFFA). We represent all 16,000 firefighters in the State of Kansas. The KSFFA stands in support of SB 15, with some minor changes. I apologize for not being present, but I have mandatory training this week in Salina.

Our association fully supports the ideas listed in SB 15 as it relates to the KP&F system. Cancer and communicable diseases are a threat to firefighters and can lead to disabling medical conditions that impact our membership. Law enforcement, fire, and EMS have worked on this issue over the last few weeks and have agreed to the amendments that will respectfully be proposed here today to modify SB 15.

We, as the collective first responder representatives of the state, feel the language being proposed is beneficial to all our memberships and provide the coverage all our disciplines need. As a group, we have worked hard to ensure all parties are in agreeance, and we appreciate the Committee's leadership giving us the opportunity to work on those issues and present collaborative language. The KSFFA appreciate this committee's support of the fire service and all first responder groups by hearing this bill. Thank you for your time.