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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the  
Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits  
Proponent for SB 15 • February 6, 2019

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 15, regarding amending the definition of “service connected” in the Kansas police and firemen’s retirement system.

Police and fire personnel are exposed to a variety of risks in their jobs. While the current definition of “service connected” identifies many of those risks, risks associated with blood borne pathogens are not currently captured under the definition. As a result, the illnesses related to these are not covered under the system.

The Kansas Association of Counties supports adding these items to the definition, and supports SB 15.

Respectfully,

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