



Kansas State Lodge

Fraternal Order of Police

Testimony to the
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance
House Bill No. 2111
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Chairman Longbine and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing my written testimony in support of House Bill 2111. My name is Blaine Dryden, and I am the President of the Kansas State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police. I have worked as a police officer in Kansas for 29 years. On behalf of all 3,200 members of FOP Lodges throughout the state of Kansas, I am writing to express our support for House Bill 2111.

In the unfortunate event a law enforcement officer, who is a member of KP&F, dies prior to retirement, under current law, the surviving family should receive a retirement benefit of 50% of the final average salary plus up to 25% for dependent children. There have been instances when this amount would be less than what the KP&F member would have received in regular retirement benefits had the person retired and not passed away. House Bill 2111 simply ensures the family will receive whichever amount is the greater benefit, the 50% or use the officers' years of service.

Thank you for considering this testimony and I encourage your support of House Bill 2111.