

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steven Johnson at 9:00am on Friday, February 20, 2015, 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Virgil Peck – Excused

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department

David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Lea Gerard, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Steve Kearney, Executive Vice President Kansas State Trooper Association, Proponent HB2288

Major Mark Bruce, Interim Superintendent Kansas Highway Patrol, Proponent HB2288

Alan Conroy, Executive Director, KPERS

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2288 — Enacting the Kansas deferred retirement option program act.

Chairperson Johnson opened the hearing **HB2288** and asked Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes, to brief the committee on HB2288 ([Attachment 1](#)). The bill is referred to as the Kansas Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) act. It is applicable to KP&F and provides a mechanism for a member who chooses to opt into the program upon obtaining normal retirement age would have the option of participating in the plan for 3 to 5 years. During the time period they would continue working and receive their compensation but their normal retirement benefit will be determined by the system and deposited into a DROP account for the duration of their work period. Gordon Self stood for questions from the committee.

Proponents:

Steve Kearney, Executive Vice President Kansas State Troopers Association, testified as a proponent of **HB2288** ([Attachment 2](#)). Steve Kearney stood for questions from the committee.

Major Mark Bruce, Interim Superintendent Kansas Highway Patrol, testified as a proponent of **HB2288** ([Attachment 3](#)). Major Mark Bruce stood for questions from the committee.

Neutral:

Alan Conroy, Executive Director, KPERS, as neutral of **HB2288** ([Attachment 4](#)). Alan Conroy provided background information on the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP). Mr. Conroy also provided committee members with Cost Study by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC ([Attachment 5](#)). Mr. Conroy stood for questions from the committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled Monday, February 23, 2015.