

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steven Johnson at 9:00am on Wednesday, March 09, 2016, 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Edmonds – Excused

Committee staff present:

David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department

Lea Gerard, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Mark Dapp, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

David Wiese, Assistant Revisor

Alan Conroy, Executive Director, KPERS

Dennis Phillips, Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters

Todd Hart, Deputy Chief Olathe Fire Department

Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Possible action on bills previously heard**

Chairman Johnson provided opening remarks and a brief update from the working after retirement subcommittee. The issues dealt with in the subcommittee were extending sunset on grandfathered clause; sending requests for exception to joint committee on Pension and Benefits; extending hardship provision which would add flexibility to staffing requirements; exception for licensed school retirants who retire at age 62 or later; and a separate issue relating to KP&F earnings cap.

**Discussion and possible action on HB2700 - Requiring certification by retirants that they have not entered into a prearranged agreement of employment prior to retirement and providing penalties for violations thereof.**

David Wiese, Assistant Revisor provided an overview on **HB2700** ([Attachment 1](#)). Mr. Wiese answered questions from the Committee.

*Representative Thompson moved, seconded by Representative Trimmer, HB2700 be passed.*

*Representative Kelly moved, seconded by Representative Billinger to amend HB2700* ([Attachment 2](#)).

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The motion to amend passed.

Representative Kelly moved, seconded by Representative Hill to amend **HB2700** ([Attachment 3](#)).

The motion to amend passed.

Representative Kelly moved, seconded by Representative Hutchins to amend **HB2700** ([Attachment 4](#)).

The motion to amend passed.

Representative Trimmer moved, seconded by Representative Hutchins to amend **HB2700** ([Attachment 5](#)).

Representative Kelly made a substitute motion, seconded by Representative Alcalá to amend **HB2700** ([Attachment 5](#)) and set the contribution rate at 30%.

The substitute motion to amend passed.

The motion to amend passed.

Representative Trimmer moved, seconded by Representative Kelly to amend **HB2700** ([Attachment 6](#)).

The motion to amend passed.

Representative Peck moved, seconded by Representative Trimmer **HB2700** be amended with technical corrections to be made by the Revisors.

The motion to amend passed.

Representative Thompson moved seconded by Representative Trimmer; **HB2700** be passed as amended. The motion carried.

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**Hearing on: HB2709 — Death benefits for certain KP&F surviving spouses.**

Chairman Johnson recognized David Wiese, Assistant Revisor who provided an overview on **HB2709** ([Attachment 7](#)). Mr. Wiese answered questions from the Committee.

Chairman Johnson recognized Alan Conroy, Executive Director, KPERS who provided background information on **HB2709** ([Attachment 8](#)). The bill provides to the members' remaining spouse a death benefit due to service-connected causes prior to retirement. Mr. Conroy answered questions from the

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Committee.

Dennis Phillips, Lobbyist Kansas State Council of Fire Fighters, testified as a proponent of **HB2709** ([Attachment 9](#)).

Todd Hart, member of KPERS Board of Trustees and Deputy Chief for Olathe Fire Department, testified as a proponents of **HB2709** ([Attachment 10](#)).

Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association Chiefs of Police, testified as a proponent of **HB2709** ([Attachment 11](#)).

There being no other proponents, opponents and neutral conferees, Chairman Johnson closed the hearing on **HB2709**.

*Representative Trimmer moved, seconded by Representative Davis to approve minutes for February 10, February 15 and February 17, 2016. The motion carried.*

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.