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Oral Testimony – Opponent
Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee
Senate Bill 224
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Chair Thompson, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB 224.

KNEA believes monies paid into a retirement fund by Kansas education employees should be invested in a manner that guarantees the highest yield of safe return.

KNEA further believes that the public pension funds to which public employees have contributed toward their future retirement should be protected from overreach of the legislature in times of financial crisis, or in the case of SB 224 the times of political gamesmanship.

Plain and simple, SB 224 is contrary to the positions stated above. SB 224 puts the retirement pensions of countless public servants at risk, it is unnecessary, and our public servants deserve better.

Please vote no on SB 224.