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Testimony before the

## Senate Committee on Ways and Means

on

### Senate Bill 259 - Employment After KPERs Retirement

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Madam Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear in support of SB 259. This bill will continue the current ability of a licensed school employee to retire under KPERs and after a 60-day absence continue to work for their current employer.

Without continuing the benefits of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 74-4937, KPERs retirees returning to work in the district they retired from will be subject to an earning cap of \$20,000 per year while KPERs retirees working in a district different from the district they retired from are not subject to an earnings cap. We understand approval of SB 259 would have no direct effect on state expenditures.

Extension of the current working after retirement benefits until 2015 will continue to treat retirees choosing to work as a licensed school employee after retirement the same whether retiring from their current district or moving to a new Kansas district. So long as some KPERs retirees are allowed to work after retirement without an earnings cap, the benefits of SB 259 should apply equally to those employed by the same district and those working for a different KPERs employer.

Thank you for your consideration.

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