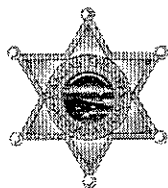


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**Testimony to the House Pensions and Benefits Committee
In Support of HB2360
February 18, 2015**

Chairman Johnson and Committee Members,

Our associations support HB2360 expanding the KPERS Board membership to include an elected representative of KP&F members and an elected representative of the members of the Judges system. This change would assure a representative on the KPERS Board for each of those plans within KPERS.

This change would add two elected positions on the Board to represent the KP&F system and the Judges System. It leaves intact an elected position for teachers and a position elected from the remaining KPERS members.

This change is warranted because of the distinction of the two plans, KP&F and Judges, which has just as much interest in a guaranteed seat on the board elected by the members of those plans as the teachers group does. While these two groups are smaller in number than the remainder of the KPERS members, our interest in the oversight of investments and other functions of the board are just as important to our retirement future as they are to the other membership base. It makes sense to have these two groups represented on the board by persons elected by the members of those groups.

The bill makes no other changes to the function of the board or to the function of KPERS investments or operations.

We encourage you to move this bill forward favorably.

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