

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Ostmeyer at 10:30 am on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Tom Holland – Excused
Senator Robert Olson – Excused

Committee staff present:

Joanna Dolan, Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Willie Dove
Chief Thomas Hongslo, Lenexa Police Department
Sheriff Andy Dedeke, Leavenworth County
Ed Klumpp, Ks Assn of Chiefs of Police, Ks Sheriffs Assn, Ks Peace Officers Assn
Eric Smith, The League of Kansas Municipalities

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Committee Minutes

Chairman Ostmeyer called for approval of minutes for March 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10, as distributed on March 14, 2016.

Senator LaTurner made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Senator Longbine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2549 - Requests for law enforcement assistance from foreign jurisdictions

Chairman Ostmeyer opened the hearing on **HB 2549**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Representative Willie Dove appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. ([Attachment 1](#))

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs at 10:30 am on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

The bill seeks to strengthen the working relationship between the various law enforcement agencies in Kansas and Missouri, so that local law enforcement can request the assistance of officers from other jurisdictions if the need arises without fear of local litigation.

Thomas Honglo, Police Chief, City of Lenexa, spoke in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) The bill would allow the Chief Law Enforcement Executive from any law enforcement agency to request assistance from a law enforcement agency of another jurisdiction, including a jurisdiction outside of Kansas.

Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association, testified in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 3](#)) Mr. Klumpp states that it is critical in these interstate events that law enforcement officers operating outside their state of jurisdiction be given limited authority, including arrest powers and use of appropriate force. The bill applies the Kansas statutes on arrest and use of force to officers from out of state.

Sheriff Andy Dedeke, Leavenworth County Sheriff, appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. ([Attachment 4](#)) The bill was originally introduced in 2015, and included just three Kansas counties in the MARC region; the bill has been expanded to include all 105 counties in the state. This change illustrates the desire of Kansas law enforcement to work collectively and collaboratively with their partners to provide the greatest level of public safety available.

Eric Smith, Deputy General Counsel, The League of Kansas Municipalities, testified in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#)) The bill would allow law enforcement departments in the state of Kansas to share equipment and personnel in times of critical incidents.

Written testimony was provided in support of the bill by:

Sargent Fred Farris, Kansas City Metro Tactical Officers Association. ([Attachment 6](#))

Katie Killen, Assistant City Manager, City of Shawnee. ([Attachment 7](#))

Frank Donches, Overland Park Police Chief. ([Attachment 8](#))

Chairman Ostmeier closed the hearing on **HB 2549**.

The next meeting is scheduled March 17, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.