

Senate Federal and State Committee

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Department of Administration

Testimony in support of SB 242

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Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of SB 242, a bill regarding the drug screening of employees in safety sensitive positions.

Drug screening for all state agencies is coordinated by the Office of Personnel Services within the Department of Administration. The bill would add the employees of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs to the list of agencies and personnel that would be subject to pre-employment screening.

It is estimated by Kraig Knowlton, Director of Personnel Services, that the addition of the KCVA to the list of agencies conducting pre-employment drug screening would not increase the cost of administering the program to the Department of Administration. However, there will be an increased cost to the KCVA for these tests, which that agency will speak to in its separate testimony.

The bill was introduced during the 2015 session by the Department of Administration at the request of the KCVA. We ask for your consideration and recommendation that it be passed favorably.

Thank you for this opportunity and I would be pleased to answer any questions.