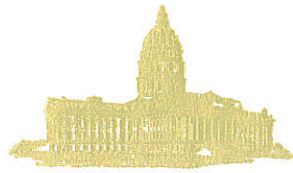


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Chairman Petersen and Members of the Committee:

It is an honor and a privilege to submit testimony in favor of SB 335. As a common sense, conservative, I believe state government should operate as effectively and efficiently as possible. Therefore, it is the duty of the Legislature to manage resources in a way that creates opportunities for all Kansans and keeps them safe from those that wish them harm.

Since being created by the Legislature in 1968, the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) has provided high-quality training for every law enforcement agency in the state. In fact, over the past few years, KLETC has trained over 400 officers annually in basic training related programs, and enrollments in their onsite, regional and online continuing education programs continue to exceed 10,000 enrollments annually.

During the 2006 legislative session, the last time KLETC came before the legislature, projections showed KLETC would need to return to the legislature in 2016 to update their funding source. Since then, KLETC has operated with a fiscally conservative philosophy that continues their mission while being good stewards of public funds.

SB 335 seeks to address the anticipated needs of KLETC by updating and diversifying their funding sources so they are not as dependent on docket fees, which is their only current funding source. Given recent global and domestic events, SB 335 will help ensure our state's law enforcement officers continue to have the tools they need to be successful.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I humbly ask for the committee's support for SB 335 and look forward to working with you throughout this process.

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