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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of HB2070 – KORA Amendments Related to CPOST
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Chairman Wilborn and Committee Members,

Our associations support HB2070 as requested by the Kansas Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training. This bill will clarify that certain documents our agencies submit to the Kansas Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training relating to personnel matters and the state registry will remain closed under the Kansas Open Records Act.

We believe the proper place for persons to seek records on personnel matters is with the originating agency. Such records required to be submitted to CPOST could possibly be outdated or incomplete. In addition, when requests go to the originating agency we can work with the requestor to assure we are considering the release of the precise records containing the information they are seeking. The agency is also in the best position to evaluate whether the personnel records meet a KORA exemption.

We urge you to recommend this bill favorably to pass.

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