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Testimony on HB 2262  
To  
The Senate Judiciary Committee

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The Department of Corrections supports HB 2262. HB 2262 was passed by the House by a vote of 124-0. K.S.A. 48-3602 was amended last session to provide that law enforcement agencies could request the assistance of other law enforcement agencies even if that agency was located outside of state. K.S.A. 48-3602 in defining a "law enforcement officer" used the definition provide by the Law Enforcement Training Act. However, officers of the Department of Corrections receive their law enforcement training through the department and are certified by the Secretary of Corrections and therefore do not fall within the definition used by the LETA.

HB 2262 would permit the Secretary of Corrections to request assistance from other law enforcement agencies in the same manner as sheriffs, police chiefs and other law enforcement agencies. The department urges favorable consideration of HB 2262.