

Chairman Tarwater and Members of the House Commerce & Labor Committee.

I am presenting my written testimony against HB 2586. This bill would impose government overreach upon the judgements of individual Kansans.

I am a State of Kansas employee with twenty plus years of service and a proud active member of KOSE and I choose to voluntarily pay union dues.

I have seen many changes that have negatively affected state employees. Severe under staffing has forced our employees to work a massive amount of overtime and in dangerous conditions. Changing state positions from classified to unclassified created a prime opportunity for corruption. "Friends" were promoted into newly created positions even if they aren't qualified. The biggest slap in the face is, newly hired employees are being paid the same wage as myself. My twenty plus years of service means NOTHING.

The decision to become a KOSE member and pay dues is strictly a voluntary choice made by the employee.

Your time in session and as an elected representative of Kansans will be more wisely spent on correcting the staff shortages, unsafe work environments and low wages that state employees must endure every day. Which would be a priority for you.....wasting time on HB 2586 or saving the life of a state employee that helped elect you into office?????

You were elected into office to be a voice for us. It's time you use that voice and vote against HB 2586.

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