



# *Kansas State Lodge*

## *Fraternal Order of Police*

Testimony to the  
House Committee on Appropriations  
In Support of  
House Bill 2716  
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Chair Waymaster, Vice Chair Hoffman, Ranking Member Wolfe-Moore and members of the Committee, thank you for allowing this written testimony in support of House Bill 2716.

You will likely recall HB 2021 from last year, which in-part, established a tuition waiver for dependents and spouses of public safety officers injured or disabled while performing duties as a public safety officer. The bill overwhelmingly passed the Legislature and was signed into law.

During the interim, Kansas Board of Regents staff determined for purposes of implementation they were in need of clarification of legislative intent. In cooperation with the staff at the Kansas Board of Regents and other first responder organizations we worked together on the needed clarifications contained in HB 2716.

We appreciate Chair Waymaster bringing the bill before the Committee so this important program may be implemented. We support passage of House Bill 2716.

Thank you for allowing my written testimony.