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Hearing on HB 2751

Written testimony from Goodwill Industries of Kansas
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Goodwill Industries of Kansas is a business-based non-profit 501c(3) organization that utilizes revenue from retail thrift store sales to provide job training and opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and other barriers to employment. Our agency provides Day Program services to roughly 130 individuals with IDD to build independence and dignity by contributing to the regional workforce through various work contracts with area businesses. Goodwill uses revenue from our retail thrift stores to subsidize this program as part of our overall mission to the community.

Due to unintentional restrictions created through KSA Statue 39-2009, Goodwill is faced with suspending Day Services in our retail locations at Newton and Hutchinson. The proposed language will resolve this issue and allow Goodwill of Kansas to resume Day Services operations in an integrated employment setting that benefits individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Goodwill Industries of Kansas stands in support of Senate Bill 2751 and the proposed amendment to clarify the definition of Day Service Provider. We respectfully request you adopt the amendment and support passage of HB 2571.

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