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Senate Committee on Commerce

Written testimony from Goodwill Industries of Kansas

Neutral statement pertaining to Senate Bill 282
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Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc.'s mission is to provide opportunities to people with disabilities and barriers to employment seeking independent and productive lives. We work to fulfill our mission through several services to the community addressing two populations: those with developmental disabilities and those with other employment barriers. Part of an international brand, Goodwill locations across the globe are operated and led autonomously based on community need – but all use the power of work to provide purpose, pride, and dignity to those we serve.

As a provider of daily supportive services to over 800 individuals with barriers to employment, we see child care as a significant issue for individuals seeking job training and career-based employment. The persons we serve who are interested in attending our college-integrated career-based programs have difficulty securing safe and reliable childcare at a cost that is affordable to lower incomes. The Wall Street Journal recently reported on the surge in individuals choosing part-time work over full-time. This is understandable when viewed through a lens of child care scarcity. Scheduling flexibility is critical as more and more full-time staff are missing work or forced to work from home due to childcare issues.

The child-care workforce of licensed and qualified individuals has also become a scare resource. To address this, Goodwill Industries of Kansas is working with multiple childcare providers in the Wichita area to pilot innovative ways to increase the talent pipeline for the childcare sector. While Goodwill of Kansas is not an expert in this area, we are ready to be a part of the solution through supported innovation and integrated community partnership.

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