



House Bill 2068
Written Proponent Testimony

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- **Chairman Gossage and Members of the Committee, I respectfully stand in support of House Bill 2068.**
- **This bill would safely expand the Kansas workforce and reduce barriers to employment of military family members.**
- **I call the attention of the committee to these disturbing statistics: unemployment among military spouses is about 20%. By comparison, unemployment for disabled individuals is about 7% and for all other female adults in the USA, the unemployment rate is 4%.**
- **HB 2068 addresses, in a positive way, this employment disparity for one segment of the potential Kansas workforce.**
- **Military readiness is improved when each military family has better economic security. This bill supports military readiness.**
- **I strongly urge the committee to support this bill and several similar occupational licensing bills soon to follow in the deliberative process.**