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Honorable Chairman Anthony Brown, and members of the House Commerce Committee

This bill (HB2211) was introduced in my committee last year. It would require that state agencies give preference in awarding contracts for any services to Kansas businesses owned and operated by disabled veterans. This would also include businesses which maintain offices in Kansas. The goal for the Department of Administration would be to reach at least 3.0 percent of all contracts awarded.

The bill defines a "disabled veteran" as a person who has served in the armed forces of the United States and who is entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability of at least 50.0 percent. A "disabled veteran business" is defined as a business in which a disabled veteran owns at least 51.0 percent of the stock, and the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more disabled veterans

This bill would not have any cost to the state.

Respectfully,

Representative Mario Goico

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