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**Neutral Testimony for HB 2353  
Senate Ways and Means Committee  
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**Chair McGinn and members of the Committee:**

My name is Mike Burgess. I am the Director of Policy & Outreach at the Disability Rights Center of Kansas (DRC). DRC is a public interest legal advocacy organization that is part of a national network of federally mandated organizations empowered to advocate for Kansans with disabilities. DRC is the officially designated protection and advocacy system in Kansas. DRC is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, organizationally independent of state government and whose sole interest is the protection of the legal rights of Kansans with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our neutral testimony for HB 2353.

While we had concerns with the bill as originally drafted, the proponents of the bill worked with us to address our concerns. The amendment adopted by the House Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development Committee addressed our concerns with the bill.

I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.