

Senate Commerce Committee  
Written Proponent Testimony for HB 2219  
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Thank you, Madam Chairwoman, and members of the committee, for this opportunity to provide written testify in support of HB 2219.

HB 2219 establishes a tax credit to incentivize employers to employ people with developmental disabilities. Employment of people with developmental disabilities in competitive integrated employment is low in Kansas. Encouraging businesses to hire people with developmental disabilities at higher wages in competitive integrated employment gives them an opportunity to work with people without disabilities in jobs that pay competitive wages. This helps them get off public assistance and be independent.

We encourage the committee to pass the bill out favorably.

Thank you again for this opportunity to submit testimony.