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House Committee on Commerce & Labor

Written only Testimony in Favor of SB 333
Chris Stanyer, Goodwill Industries of Kansas
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Chairwoman Tarwater and honorable committee members,

Goodwill Industries of Kansas stands in support of Senate Bill 333 as written, eliminating a sunset date for the State Use law.

Goodwill Industries of Kansas is a business-based non-profit 501c(3) organization that utilizes revenue from retail thrift store sales to provide job training and opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and other barriers to employment. Our agency provides Day Program services to roughly 130 individuals with IDD to build independence and dignity by contributing to the regional workforce through various work contracts with area businesses. Goodwill uses revenue from our retail thrift stores to subsidize this program as part of our overall mission to the community.

The State Use program is a viable option for the individuals served by Goodwill Industries of Kansas and is an existing component of mission portfolios for other Goodwill agencies across the country. Collaborative partnerships between public and private entities serve the common good by increasing two-way communication between governing bodies and providers of services at the individual level.

Goodwill Industries of Kansas stands in favor of Senate Bill 333 and the continuation of the State Use law beyond July 1, 2024.

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