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Testimony in Support of SB 444 March 9, 2012 Senate Ways and Means By Martha K. Gabehart Executive Director

Thank you Chairwoman McGinn and members of the committee for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 444. The Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns (KCDC) has long supported efforts to expand employment opportunities for people with disabilities. However, employment of people with disabilities continues to be much lower than employment of their nondisabled peers.

SB 444 shows Kansas believes employing people with disabilities is important and supports those employers who hire significant numbers of people with disabilities by giving them an advantage over other bidders. This is not a mandate for state contract bidders, but an incentive.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify. KCDC encourages you to support passage of SB 444.

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