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Chairman Johnson, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 2639.

Labor and workforce shortages are having devastating impacts on both the public and private sectors across Kansas and the nation. These shortages have never been more apparent than in the wake of the COVID 19 pandemic. Unfortunately, many industries and professions were seeing increasingly harmful reductions in workforce before the pandemic occurred.

Kansas NEA supports any and all reasonable proposals to help public and private sector employers meet their workforce needs.

Kansas NEA also supports its retired members' ability to be a part of this rebound by allowing them to work during their retirement years without penalty.

We thank you for your time.