



House Education Committee
SB 22 - Extension of the postsecondary technical education Authority
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Chair Kelley and members of the House Education Committee, my name is Brandi Biddle and I am the Human Resource Manager for Rubbermaid. I also serve on the KansasWorks State Board and served as one of the host businesses for the recent Industry Skills Tour in support of the Governor's Skills Summit. I want to express my support of SB 22.

The work of the Technical Education Authority is clearly focused on the needs of businesses like Rubbermaid. The Authority has brought a business voice to education and is tightly focused on improving the technical education system to support a robust Kansas economy.

Examples are:

- Program Alignment has provided standardized outcomes so businesses can be assured of foundational skills in new graduates.
- Industry credentials ensure the technical programs are matched with industry standards.
- Outcome Metrics will measure the items most important to business and again, make sure our investment in technical education meets the needs of the state.

Thank you for your time. Please contact me if I can provide further details. I respectfully ask that you pass SB 22.

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