

## **Proponent Testimony SB308**

Kansas Council of Chapters of MOAA supports SB308. This bill supports the principle of the dignity inherent in honest work. The bill will greatly increase opportunity for our citizens with disabilities and allow them to demonstrate their work ethic.

We deeply appreciate the language in the bill recognizing the common documentation held by service-connected veterans of military service.

This bill recognizes the sacrifices of surviving spouses of service-connected veterans. Executive branch implementation must not permit state officials to re-litigate prisoner of war status or death of a service-connected veteran to unjustly deny the opportunity for spouse of surviving spouse employment.

We urge the committee to support this bill and pass it to the Senate for passage.

Respectfully submitted,

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State Legislative Chair Kansas Council of Chapters