

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jan Pauls at 9:00 am on Thursday, January 21, 2016, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Valdenia Winn – Excused

Committee staff present:

Dana Rooney, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Joanna Dolan, Legislative Research Department

Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Kyle Hamilton, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Philip Bradley, Craft Brewers Guild of Kansas

Representative James Todd, Kansas House of Representatives, 29th District

Debbie Beavers, Interim Director, Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Pauls opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Bill introductions**

Chairman Pauls called for any bill introductions from committee members and recognized Representative Brett Hildabrand.

Representative Hildabrand introduced: 1) a bill concerning the Kansas Pet Animal Act. 2) a Sanctuary City bill. Without objection both bills were introduced.

Chairman Pauls recognized Representative Lane Hemsley. Representative Hemsley introduced: 1) a bill concerning the Kansas Board of Accountancy--technical modifications--their licensing and disciplinary statutes. 2) a bill that would square away the judicial branch holidays with the executive branch and legislative branch holidays. Without objection both bills were introduced.

Chairman Pauls called for bill introductions from the audience. Chairman Pauls recognized Representative John Barker who was accompanied by Representative Adam Lusker and Representative Larry Hibbard. Representative Barker introduced a bill on greyhounds and horses. Without objection the bill was introduced.

Chairman Pauls recognized Representative John Whitmer. Representative Whitmer introduced a bill

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concerning employers and undocumented, illegal aliens. Without objection the bill was introduced.

Chairman Pauls recognized Marlee Carpenter of behalf of the City of Wichita. Ms. Carpenter introduced a bill to allow a fast-pass procedure to gain entry to city hall. Without objection the bill was introduced.

**Hearing on: HB2467 — Authorizing the production of hard cider by microbreweries.**

Chairman Pauls opened the hearing on **HB2467** and recognized Jason Long, Senior Assistant Revisor, who gave an overview of the bill. ([Attachment 1](#)) Questions were asked by Representatives Pete DeGraaf and Kristey Williams.

Chairman Pauls recognized Philip Bradley, Kansas Craft Brewers Guild, proponent, who expressed support for microbreweries to produce hard cider. ([Attachment 2](#)) Questions were asked by Representatives John Bradford, Don Hineman, and Kristey Williams.

Chairman Pauls recognized Vice Chairman, Representative James Todd, who testified in support of **HB2467**. ([Attachment 3](#)) Questions were asked by Representative Kristey Williams.

There was no additional proponent testimony presented.

Opponents: None. There was no written only testimony in opposition of **HB2467**.

Neutrals: none. Neutral written only testimony on **HB2467** was provided by Debbie Beavers, Interim Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control. ([Attachment 4](#)) Ms. Beavers responded to questions from Representatives Joseph Scapa, Steven Becker, and Stephanie Clayton and Ms. Beavers agreed to provide additional information through electronic mail. ([Attachment 5](#))

Chairman Pauls closed the hearing on **HB2467**.

**Hearing on: HB2469 — Increasing production limits for microbreweries.**

Chairman Pauls opened the hearing on **HB2469** and recognized Jason Long, Senior Assistant Revisor, who gave an overview of the bill. There were no questions.

Chairman Pauls recognized Philip Bradley, Kansas Craft Brewers Guild, proponent, who supported the bill. ([Attachment 6](#)) Questions were asked by Representatives John Bradford, Pete DeGraaf, Steven Becker, and Joseph Scapa.

Jeff Gill, Founder and CEO, Tallgrass Brewing Company, provided written testimony in support of **HB2469**. ([Attachment 7](#))

There was no additional proponent testimony.

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Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Opponents--None. There was no written testimony in opposition of **HB2469**.

Neutrals--None. Neutral written only testimony on **HB2469** was provided by Debbie Beavers, Interim Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control. ([Attachment 8](#)) Ms. Beavers agreed to provide additional information through electronic mail. ([Attachment 9](#))

Chairman Pauls closed the hearing on **HB2469**.

### **Briefing on:**

Chairman Pauls recognized Debbie Beavers, Interim Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control who presented the annual briefing to the Committee. ([Attachment 10](#)) Questions were asked by Chairman Pauls, Representatives Chuck Weber, John Ewy, Kristey Williams, Susan Concannon, John Bradford, Joseph Scapa, and Bud Estes. In response to questions, Ms. Beavers agreed to provide answers through electronic mail. ([Attachment 11](#))

The next meeting of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee will be Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.