

Testimony Re: HB 2223
House Federal and State Affairs Committee
Presented by Janez Lomshek
on behalf of
Talk of the Town Restaurants
February 18, 2015

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Janez Lomshek, I am a partner in Smith & Lomshek Holdings dba Talk of the Town in Leawood KS and Overland Park KS. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2223.

There is a growing trend in businesses like mine to “infuse” vodka, gin and other spirits with flavoring to enhance the flavor and provide a unique experience. Restaurants like mine are constantly in search of fun and flavorful recipes to provide a unique guest experience, many which call for steeping the alcohol with fruits, vegetables, herbs, and candies. While this has been going on in many establishments for quite some time under the current liquor laws as a mixed drink, it has been looked at differently lately.

I am in support of clarifying the language so as to allow drinking establishments like my restaurant to infuse alcoholic beverages and premixed drinks.

Thank you for allowing me to visit with you! I kindly ask for a yes vote on HB 2223.

Sincerely,

Janez Lomshek
Partner