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Testimony on HB 2331
House Federal and State Affairs Committee

Chairman Brunk, and Members of the Committee,

I am Philip Bradley representing the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association. The KLBA represents the interests of the men and women in the hospitality industry, who own, manage and work in Kansas bars, breweries, clubs, caterers, hotels, and restaurants. These are the places you frequent and enjoy with the tens of thousands of employees that are glad to serve you. I have also been asked to speak for the KS Craft Brewers Assn., the KS Viticulture and Farm Winery Assn. and the Artisan Distillers of KS. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today and I will be brief.

When the current statute was passed seemingly no one considered that someone might hire a caterer for an event on public property. Since then it has occurred and because of this oversight the caterer has had to acquire an additional special permit. We ask you to correct this. A catering license is a "regular license that requires all the normal steps for the licensee. In addition a caterer must notify the ABC of an event in advance and provide the pertinent information. If HB 2223 is passed this would be an excellent example of how the notification process would work. I have placed the notification form on the back of this page. It is able to be filled in online, but now must be printed and sent in. We would suggest that the form should include notice of a Public property event and other important information. That could easily be added to this existing form or to an online notice form.

Thank you and we ask for you to advance this favorably and if appropriate, it be placed on the consent agenda.

There is no such thing as a 'self-made' man. We are made up of thousands of others. Everyone who has ever done a kind deed for us, or spoken one word of encouragement to us, has entered into the make-up of our character and of our thoughts, as well as our success. George Matthew Adams

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