

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Ostmeyer at 10:30 am on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Joanna Dolan, Legislative Research Department  
Connie Burns, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**SB152 Alcoholic liquor; dispensing liquor and infusing flavor.**

Chairman Ostmeyer opened the hearing on **SB 152**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Scott Schneider, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, (KRHA) appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. [\(Attachment 1\)](#) The bill has two parts: The first part clarifies the existing statutes regarding the serving of a mixed drink; it has been the opinion for years a mixed drink included a pre-mixed such as a margarita or a stoli doli; the Kansas ABC has expressed concerns. Clarifying this issue will allow members to meet the marketplace demands and serve these drinks. The second part seeks to streamline the licensed catering notification requirements.

Bill Rowe, Proprietor, Blue Moon Caterers, testified in favor of the bill. [\(Attachment 2\)](#) The bill will lessen the significant administrative burden and significant amounts of time to fill out duplicate forms.

Janez Lomshek, Partner, Talk of the Town Restaurants, spoke in favor of the bill. [\(Attachment 3\)](#) Mr. Lomshek stated they are in support of clarifying the language so as to allow drinking establishments like his business to infuse alcoholic beverages and premixed drinks.

Philip Bradley, Kansas Licensed Beverage Association, (KLBA) appeared as a proponent to the bill. [\(Attachment 4\)](#) The measure addresses the concerns of the ABC and the industry and will allow a safe

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and controlled process and allow for full and timely notice while addressing the needs of the small business licensee. Mr. Bradley also represents The Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Association, Artisan Distillers of Kansas, and Craft Brewers Guild of Kansas.

Dean Reynoldson, Director of Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control, appeared neutral on the bill. [\(Attachment 5\)](#) The department respectively suggests the definition of dispense be amended to state that the liquor must be dispensed and served by the licensee or licensee's employee to ensure it is not interpreted as allowing for self-dispensing machines; and provided amended language.

Chairman Ostmeyer closed the hearing on **SB 152**.

The next meeting is scheduled February 19, 2015. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.