

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 10, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Tom Holland – Excused
Senator Robert Olson – Excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dennis Reynolds, Kansas Grape Growers & Winemakers Association
Doug Taylor, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Introduction of Bills

Senator LaTurner requested a bill introduction concerning health care; dealing with withholding life-sustaining treatment of certain persons.

There being no objection from any member present, the Chairman declared a motion to introduce the bill adopted by consensus.

SB 379 Farm wineries; licenses; no term of residency.

Chairman Ostmeyer opened the hearing on **SB 379**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Dennis Reynolds, president, The Kansas Grape Growers & Winemakers Association, (KGGWA) appeared before the committee as a proponent on the bill. ([Attachment 1](#)) The bill would eliminate the current one year term of residency requirement; and the KGGWA views the current one year requirement as an unnecessary infringement on the ability to establish, acquire and/or sell Kansas farm winery businesses.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs at 10:30 am on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

Doug Taylor, Assistant Attorney General Kansas Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, (ABC) presented the Interim Directors neutral testimony. ([Attachment 2](#)) The bill would allow any applicant residing in Kansas to meet the residency requirement when applying for a farm winery license. ABC would not be opposed to removing the one year residency requirement for license types for Microbrewery or Microdistillery.

Chairman Ostmeyer closed the hearing on **SB 379**.

The next meeting is scheduled February 16, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.