

House Federal and State Affairs Committee February 25, 2025 HB 2376

Kansas Association of Counties Proponent Testimony – Written Only

## Chairman Kessler and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2376, which would transfer the licensure of on-premise cereal malt beverage retailers and off-premise cereal malt beverage retailers from cities and counties to the alcoholic beverage control division of the department of revenue while still allowing cities and counties to offer a local license.

HB 2376 comes to you as a result of discussions between the Kansas Association of Counties, the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Alcoholic Beverage Control division of the Department of Revenue. This bill has been carefully crafted to allow cities and counties to continue to offer a local license (and enforcement), while moving much of the paperwork to the state level.

Local licensure and enforcement power is critical as it is an important tool in maintaining local control over these types of businesses. This bill represents that agreement, and we would ask the committee to pass the bill as introduced. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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