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Chairman Brunk, and Representatives of the Committee,

I am Philip Bradley representing the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today and I will be brief.

The Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Assn. (KVFWA), Artisan Distillers of KS (ADK), and Craft Brewers Guild of KS (CBGK) have asked me to also speak for them on these issues.

We are appreciative of all efforts to reduce unnecessary regulations, restrictive laws and unneeded rules. Our combined positions are below and the specific points are on the back of this page.

SB 276--Alcoholic beverages; amendments to law prohibiting licensee from hiring certain employees. With the amendments by the Senate we now support this measure. It places the responsibility of deciding who to hire on the business and allows them the freedom to help those deserving. We urge you to advance this measure as amended.

SB 288--Alcoholic beverages; repealing the proportionate pricing requirement for sales of liquor by the drink. We approve the intent to repeal the confusing concept of proportionate pricing. And we support the repeal of all day pricing as you have already passed in HB 2550 in this Committee and was on GO today. We urge you to pass this bill as amended in the Senate.

Again thank you for your attention and consideration. I am available for your questions.

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KLBA –Kansas Licensed Beverage Assn. 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.

*KVFWA – Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Assn: We began our Association in 2004 but our journey began decades ago. Our mission is the promotion of the production of wine from Kansas grapes, the science and practice of viticulture in the State of Kansas, and the development of Kansas Farm Wineries. We include farm wineries (such as **Blue Jacket, Davenport, Holy-Field, Stone Pillar and White Tail Run**) and numerous growers of fine grapes.*

CBGK-Craft Brewers Guild of Kansas is the microbrewers and craft brewers of Kansas. We are a diverse group that embraces the age old art of brewing both commercial operations and the home hobby artist brewer



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