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**Testimony on SB 313 relating to Alcohol on KDWPT Property  
To  
The House Committee on Federal and State Affairs**

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SB 313 seeks allow alcohol possession on KDWPT property subject to restrictions by regulation. The bill would be effective January 1, 2013. **The Department supports the provisions contained in the bill.**

K.S.A. 41-719 prohibits drinking alcohol on public property, which thereby only allows 3.2 percent alcohol beverages on lands operated by the Department. This means campers staying in state parks are prohibited from having an alcoholic drink in their camper or tent while those in nearby U.S. Army Corps of Engineers parks may.

The proposed amendment would simply modernize alcohol possession laws regarding Department property and allow state parks to be competitive with co-located federal parks.

Finally, alcohol possession can still be controlled on KDWPT property through regulation, such as the Department already has done on some properties.

The Senate passed the bill 40-0.

**In summary, the Department appreciates the support of the Committee in passage of the bill.**

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