



*Kansas
Licensed
Beverage
Association*

Testimony on SB 36
Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee

January 24, 2013

Chairman Ostmeyer, and Senators of the Committee,

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

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

We urge you to pass SB 36 with a positive recommendation.

In a review of current statutes and bills passed by this committee it appears that the Legislature has approved tastings by each group that has public interaction. This bill asks you to complete that list with the on-premise retailers. It is in the same form as Tasting for Manufactures that you passed last session. This covers several different on-premise licenses. They include the Drinking Establishment (DE), Class A and Class B.

This would allow an on premise establishment to offer a sip of wine as a diner decides if they want to order a glass or bottle. It would also allow a taste of a new seasonal beer prior to purchase. These are usual and accepted business practices. Since this would be from the licensees purchased stock and at their cost just like other tasting bills you passed, it self-limits as it is in the owners best interest. We accede to the previously voiced ABC wishes that there be no specific limits or sizes.

In the past there have been concerns of a few “bad actors” that might not use this service correctly. First we do not see a logical motive for that behavior. Second we know that the ABC has the tools and will necessary to regulate and control this as they can all the other licensees.

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**Drink Responsibly.
Drive Responsibly.**

Again, the Craft Brewers Guild of KS (CBGK), Kansas Viticulture and Farm Winery Assn. (KVFWA), the Artisan Distillers of KS (ADK) and the KLBA you to **pass SB 36 with a positive recommendation.**

Thank you for your attention and consideration. I am available for your questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light green rectangular background.

Philip Bradley

