

Opposition to HB 2200 Retail Alcohol Sales Expansion

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To the House Commerce Committee:

I can come at this issue from both directions.

Firstly, from the side of a former 30 year employee of Dillon's with 14 years of management with that company: The stores that Dillon's would put wine and strong beer in will not add space to their stores for these items. They will take space away from other areas of the store. When they do this they will also reallocate manpower from the former areas into the new wine/beer department. The addition of jobs that they speak of - totally untrue.

If this bill passes, Dillon's and Wal Mart will not add jobs, and in turn cause the liquor stores to lose jobs due to decreased sales. Decreased jobs equals decreased payroll taxes. Last I knew, Kansas needed more tax money and not less.

Secondly, from the side of being in a family that owns one of the largest liquor stores in Hutchinson - We keep all of our profits in town and reinvest them in our business and our community in the form of adding jobs and adding other businesses. If this bill passes, where do Dillon's and Wal Mart profits go? They go to Cincinnati, Ohio and Bentonville, Arkansas! What benefit does Kansas gain from this?

With this being said, please keep the jobs and profits from liquor sales in Kansas. VOTE NO ON THIS BILL!

Thank you for your time.

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