

Testimony in support of amendment to Kansas HB 2223

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My name is Richard Klemp, director of governmental affairs for the Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane. The Kansas Star Casino supports HB 2223 in its original form but would like to add language allowing customers to directly dispense wine from a machine that is both a wine preservation and serving system. Key points are:

- A picture of the type of machine is included in my testimony and this is what we have at our Woodfire Grille steak house. Kansas law allows the machine but prohibits customers from using it directly.
- This machine is for premium wines by the glass. This machine seals each bottle with argon gas creating a perfect seal so that there is no deterioration of the wine enabling a bottle to stay in pristine condition for up to four weeks. By re-corking a bottle without this machine, an expensive wine will substantially degrade after five to seven days.
- The importance of allowing customer self-service for wine is that it allows him or her to become involved in the wine experience, not only selecting which wine to drink but to choose the portion size – a 1, 3 or 5 ounce serving.
- As a licensed drinking establishment the steak house or any other restaurant or bar is legally responsible to prevent underage use and over consumption. The language we would like to add requires the licensee to monitor and control the consumption from the machine with the additional measure of requiring video surveillance.
- Kansas law does allow a customer to pour a margarita from a 64 ounce pitcher, buy a 16-gallon keg of beer and pour many dozens of servings, or buy a bottle of wine at a restaurant and pour wine into a glass.
- Allowing a wine connoisseur to directly operate the machine which uses smart card technology will enhance the dining experience, improve customer service and allow restaurants to offer a wider variety of premium wines by the glass without costly spoilage of expensive wine products.

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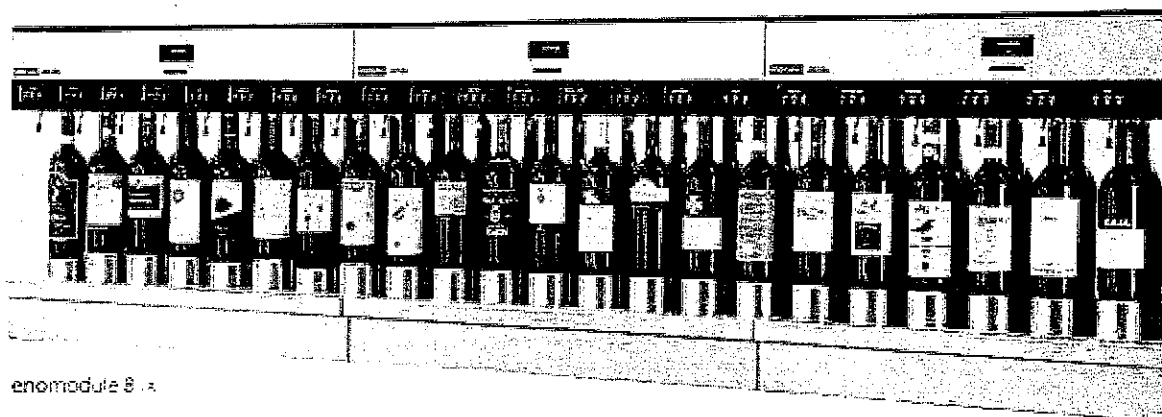
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