



Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association

Testimony Supporting House Bill 2331

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On behalf of the Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill 2331. The KRHA stands in strong support of this legislation.

The Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association represents members who employ over 137,000 Kansans. We are one of the primary tax collectors for the state, collecting more than \$424 million as an industry. A well functioning regulatory program is vitally important to our members

HB 2331 clarifies the existing statutes regarding where a catering event may be held and by whom. Current statute does not specifically allow a caterer to serve alcohol if the event is held on a public street. It would reason that having a licensed caterer whose employees are trained in the serving of alcohol would be better able to manage serving alcohol than the average citizen assisting a public event. HB 2331 is good public policy and supports the state's interest in a well-regulated alcohol industry.

The KRHA supports the passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Scott Schneider