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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Steve Brunk, Chairman, House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

FROM: Dean Reynoldson, Director of Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control

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SUBJECT: House Bill 2331

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Thank you for allowing us to testify about this bill.

Current law only allows consumption of alcoholic liquor on public streets, alleys, roads, sidewalks or highways under a special event temporary permit where the local government has approved the event by ordinance or resolution and requires 14 day advance notice to the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Division.

We do not have a problem with the concept of expanding these events to allow a catered event on public property that includes public streets, alleys, roads, sidewalks or highways provided the city or county has enacted the required ordinance or resolution that is mandated by K.S.A. 41-719. We suggest, however, an amendment to require approval by the director for events on public property rather than mere notification. The reasons for that suggestion include:

1. This would ensure that the city or county has enacted the required ordinance/resolution that is mandated by K.S.A. 41-719.
2. Events on public roadways are inherently a higher risk than other catered events where permission by the director is not required – merely notification of the event by the caterer.

3. Special event permits that allow consumption of alcohol on public streets, alleys, roads, sidewalks or highways require approval of the director rather than mere notification. This allows the director to confirm the requisite ordinance or resolution for the specific event has been adopted by the appropriate local unit of government.

Thank you Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to testify about this bill.