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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Brunk
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: February 18, 2015

Subject: HB 2332 – Authorizing microbreweries to manufacture and sell hard cider and mead.

House Bill No. 2332 would allow microbrewery licensees to manufacture and sell hard cider and mead in addition to beer. The bill defines “hard cider” as an alcoholic beverage made by fermentation of apple juice. The bill defines “mead” as an alcoholic beverage made by fermentation of honey with water. Such products are currently included in the definition of “wine” because that term is defined to include any beverage made from fermentation of fruit or other agricultural products, such as honey. Under current law only manufacturer licensees and farm wineries may produce and sell hard cider and mead. HB 2332 amends K.S.A. 41-308b to add “hard cider” and “mead” where applicable so that a microbrewery may produce and sell such products.

If enacted these amendments would become effective on July 1, 2015.