



**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 HB 2331. The KRHA stands in strong support of this legislation.

The Kansas Restaurant & 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 who's 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,



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