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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairman, Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

FROM: Debbi Beavers, Interim Director of Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control

DATE: 16 February 2016

SUBJECT: Neutral Testimony on House Bill 2469

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

ABC is neutral on this bill, however ABC would respectfully request that no further increase over 60,000 barrels (1,860,000 gallons) would be allowed. A beer manufacturer's license is available and fees are based upon the daily barrel capacity. Fees range from \$400 to \$3200 for a two year license. A beer manufacturer cannot also possess a drinking establishment or a caterer's license. The agency's concern is that, as the limit for microbreweries continues to increase, applicants are increasingly discouraged from obtaining a manufacturer's license, even though it is more appropriate in high volume situations.

There is nothing in current law that prohibits an owner from possessing multiple microbrewery licenses; however, there is no provision to allow the transfer of beer from one microbrewery licensee to another microbrewery licensee.

Thank you Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to testify as neutral.