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The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer  
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
Statehouse, Room 144-S  
Topeka, KS 66610

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee. I'm Senator Richard Wilborn of the 35<sup>th</sup> District. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support in considering the adoption of SB 277.

SB 277 would define hard cider as an alcoholic beverage that contains less than 8.5 percent alcohol by volume, has a carbonation level that does not exceed 6.4 grams per liter, and is obtained by the normal alcoholic fermentation of apple or pear juice. Sugar may be added to correct natural deficiencies. The bill would allow a microbrewery to manufacture and store up to 100,000 gallons of hard cider during a calendar year. The bill would authorize the sale of hard cider under the Kansas Liquor Control Act.

The Department of Revenue estimates that SB 277 has the potential to increase liquor enforcement and liquor excise tax receipts if a microbrewery chose to manufacture hard cider; however, the increase in revenues would be negligible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Wilborn". The signature is stylized with a large, prominent "R" and "W".

Rick Wilborn  
Senator, 35<sup>th</sup> District