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MEMORANDUM

To:

Chairman Barker

Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From:

Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date:

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Subject:

HB 2470 – Microbrewery contract brewing agreements

House Bill No. 2470 (HB 2470) amends K.S.A. 41-308b regarding microbrewery licensees. K.S.A. 41-308b dictates what microbrewery licensees can and cannot do with respect to the manufacture and sale of beer and hard cider. Under current law, microbreweries can manufacture up to 60,000 barrels of beer and up to 100,000 gallons of hard cider each year.

HB 2470 would add new provisions to the statute allowing licensees to contract with other microbreweries for the manufacture of beer or hard cider. The microbrewery producing the beer or hard cider would be a licensed Kansas microbrewery, but could contract with another microbrewery located either in Kansas or outside of the state. The producing microbrewery would be required to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including all labeling laws with respect to the beer or hard cider produced under the contract. Each party to the contract must count the amount of beer or hard cider produced pursuant to the contract as a part of their annual production.

If enacted HB 2470 would become effective on July 1, 2018.