



Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association

Testimony Opposing Senate Bill 164

February 20, 2017

On behalf of the Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on Senate Bill 164. The KRHA opposes this legislation because it lacks a designation of a responsible party.

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.

We are not opposed to the concept of an entertainment district and appreciate the bills inclusion of the requirement that an alcoholic drink needs to be purchased from a current license holder. Once purchased and allowed to exist the licensed premises, the license holder can no longer control the extended area drinking but remains responsible under this bill. An additional responsible party needs to assume liability to protect our members from actions that may occur outside of their control.

The KRHA opposes the passage of this legislation in its current form

Sincerely,

Scott Schneider, J.D.

