



**Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association
Testimony Supporting
Senate Bill 433
Scott J. Schneider J.D.
Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
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Chair and members of the committee, the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association supports Senate Bill 433 but believes several issues should be addressed if passed. In years past, self-serve alcohol legislation has been considered and the KRHA has supported those efforts. We believe these machines can help manage labor costs and provide for more consumer options when purchasing beer. While we support the bill, we are also mindful of our other members who hold nearly 1200 of the 2440 Kansas alcohol licenses. Our purpose for proposing these amendments is to maintain a balanced regulatory scheme to protect the public, consumer and our member businesses.

The Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association (“KRHA”) is the leading business association and advocate for the restaurant and hospitality industries in Kansas. Originally founded in 1929 as the Kansas Restaurant Association, the KRHA serves Kansas’ restaurants, hotels, motels, country clubs, private clubs and allied businesses by promoting quality food and services, providing education, a workers compensations self insurance fund, and other beneficial resources to its members, their employees, government, media, and other interested parties.

Together, the restaurant and hospitality industries have a significant impact on the economy of Kansas. In 2014, these industries employed approximately 170,100 persons. In 2016, these industries accounted for approximately 3% of the Kansas gross domestic product, generating sales of \$3.926 billion. This was an increase of \$979 million from 2011.

Kansas policy makers over the years have been very balanced and thoughtful to ensure the public is protected against the negative impacts of alcohol consumption and the positive benefits of consumer freedoms and maintaining business viability. Currently in Kansas the consumer is liable for their consumption and actions related to alcohol.

The KRHA respectfully recommends an amendment clarifying the face-to-face server requirements and edit and place the current rules and regulation found at K.A.R. 14-19-40 into this bill. This amendment would create clearer legislative intent and in our opinion, better public policy. Additionally, it will provide guidance to the businesses and the public who choose to use these devices. I have included the regulation below.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation, we stand in support and I will additionally stand for any questions at the appropriate time