

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF BEVERAGE RETAILERS

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Testimony in Support of HB 2362

The Kansas Association of Beverage Retailers (KABR) supports House Bill 2362 to pay for maintenance and upgrades to the electronic licensing system at the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

KABR lobbied for the implementation of online licensing for more than ten years. A fully funded regulatory agency is important to our licensees. Licensees should be able to rely on the agency for an information resource and consistent application of the laws to provide an even competitive marketplace, as well as a reliable licensing process.

In the past ten years, the Division has been forced to do more with less, and this has become a growing concern.

Total liquor tax revenue exceeds \$135 million annually, which should be more than enough to fully fund the agency.

KABR supports the modest fees proposed in HB 2362 so that our members can rely on the security and efficiency of the agency's online system.

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