



PROPONENT TESTIMONY

HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HB 2406 - An Act concerning the sale of alcoholic liquor; restricted hours and days of sales; authorizing issuance of cereal malt beverage retailers' licenses to producers; sale in retail liquor stores; relating to the sale of cereal malt beverage in the original package.

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On behalf of the
Kansas Association for Responsible Liquor Laws, Inc.
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Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

I am Whitney Damron and I appear before you today on behalf of the Kansas Association for Responsible Liquor Laws, Inc., in support of HB 2406. KARLL is an association of retail liquor stores with members dispersed throughout the state.

KARLL members have had an internal discussion on Sunday hours for several years and after visiting with retailers and others involved in the sale of alcoholic liquor and CMB products, believe the Legislature should consider adjusting the possible hours of sale to accommodate what we believe to be the public's interest in allowing for the sale of these products before 12:00 noon.

Under K.S.A. 41-2911, Sunday sales are permissive by resolution, ordinance or petition. The hours are set in statute if approved at the local level to be "between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m." The change proposed in HB 2406 does not change the local control aspect of Sunday sales or hours of sale nor does it extend or change the hours in which a retailer can remain open on Sunday.

One of the primary drivers of this request, quite frankly is the NFL football season with games starting at 12:00 noon. Retailers believe it would be of interest and benefit for their customers if their hours of sale, still dependent upon local control, could be adjusted to an earlier time. Other considerations include customers who would like to take care of their Sunday shopping needs before a Sunday noon meal or simply a matter of customer convenience.

HB 2406 changes the allowable time for sale to 9:00 a.m. The bill is pretty straightforward and was considered in the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs last year but was lost after advancing out of committee due to an early First Adjournment. My association would support the bill as drafted or change to 10:00 a.m., which would mirror SB 256, which was held for a hearing on Monday of this week.

On behalf of the Kansas Association for Responsible Liquor Laws, Inc., we appreciate your consideration of this legislation. I would be pleased to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Thank you.

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