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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. John Barker, Chairman, House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

FROM: Debbi Beavers, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division

DATE: February 18, 2020

SUBJECT: Neutral Testimony on House Bill 2596

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Current law prohibits a licensed Kansas manufacturer from holding a retail license. This bill provides an exception and allows a manufacturer to obtain one drinking establishment license located within 1.2 miles of their manufacturer's licensed premises and prohibits exclusively selling their own manufactured alcoholic liquor. It further specifies that the drinking establishment must purchase their alcoholic liquor from a licensed retailer or distributor.

Under current law, a drinking establishment may also purchase wine directly from a Kansas farm winery. ABC suggests adding this provision for consistency.

ABC also asks for clarification regarding the 1.2 mile distance requirement from the manufacturer's premises. Is this the direct distance or driving distance?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.