

SESSION OF 2007

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2202**

As Agreed to April 2, 2007

Brief*

HB 2202 would allow a licensed farm winery or a person who holds an interest in a licensed farm winery to hold a class B club license, a drinking establishment license, and a caterer's license. Under current law, a licensed farm winery or a person who holds an interest in a licensed farm winery may hold a class B club license and a drinking establishment license.

The bill would make the statutes consistent so that a farm winery also may be a caterer. The bill also would allow microbreweries to have more than one microbrewery license.

The bill would exempt specified charitable fund-raising activities from the requirement to have a liquor license or a temporary permit to serve alcohol at their events.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee adopted the Senate amendments to the bill with the following exceptions:

- Clarified the language on the charitable fund-raising activities to be IRC 501(c) organizations; and
- Clarified that microbreweries could have more than one microbrewery license by amending a separate statute.

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Background

Proponents for the bill included: Representative Ann Mah, and representatives of the Kansas Department of Commerce, Smokey Hills Vineyards and Winery, and the Kansas Department of Agriculture. A representative of the Kansas Wine & Spirits Wholesalers Association and the Kansas Department of Revenue appeared before the Committee as neutral.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to conform existing statutes and authorized specific entities to have more than one microbrewery license.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to allow charitable and candidate organizations to serve alcohol at their fund raisers.

The Conference Committee clarifications were made at the request of the Department of Revenue.

The fiscal note indicates that enactment of this legislation would have no fiscal effect according to the Kansas Department of Revenue.

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