SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2223

As Recommended by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2223 would allow a homemade fermented beverage to be provided to guests and judges at a contest or competition so long as no compensation is provided to the maker for producing the beverage or allowing its consumption. The term “guest” would be defined as a natural person known to the host and who received a private invitation to the event conducted by the host.

Background

There were two proponents of the bill who were home brewers, one from the Home Brew Club Bier Meisters and another who authored the bill as introduced.

Testifying in opposition to the bill as introduced were the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and a representative of the Kansas Beer Wholesaler’s Association.

The House Committee asked the proponents to meet with the Director of ABC and to find compromise language that the Director would find acceptable. The House Committee adopted the provisions in a substitute bill, after review by the Director of ABC, that would allow the home brewers to accomplish much of what they sought in the

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original bill, namely tasting and judging events where their beverages might be shared and rated by other persons.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget reported that the Department of Revenue estimated the bill, as introduced, would increase its FY 2014 expenditures by $4,800 to modify the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control’s computer system. A fiscal note was not available for the substitute bill.