

TESTIMONY OF PHILLIP COSBY **OPPONENT OF HB 2611**  
STATE DIRECTOR AMERICAN FAMILY ACTION OF KANSAS AND MISSOURI KANSAS  
HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE February 2022

**HB2611** — Authorizing home delivery of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverage by a licensed retailer, including delivery through a third-party delivery service.

Special Committee on Liquor Law Modernization REPORT

“The Committee wishes to make the Legislature aware of the collateral effects of alcohol on the lives of Kansans and urges the Legislature to be diligent in monitoring such effects.” - Proposed Legislation: None

“Don’t remove a fence until you understand why it was put there” - G K Chesterton

Alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in America. Excessive drinking—on a single occasion or over a length of time—can lead to serious health problems, chronic diseases and even death. Alcohol abuse also impacts users’ behavior, which can result in accidents and violence. The effects of alcohol addiction are grave and far-reaching.

Definition of insanity – ABC hearing, 80+ out of state purchases for alcohol delivery resulted in over 90 % being fulfilled. Often to children, no one at home, refused to check I.D.s. While those out of state deliveries have jurisdictional enforcement issues, think this new delivery system with Uber drivers being the compliance official will be better?

A 2012 study in the United States found nearly half of all online alcohol orders placed by underage drinkers were delivered. (1)

Fiscal note – “negligible fiscal effect on the Department of Revenue” . Lets think beyond fiscal. This is common sense and our own practical experience.

- Physical Health – Brain, Heart, Liver, Kidneys, Pancreas , Immune system
- Mental Health – Addiction, Mental Health disorder, Anxiety disorder
- Financial Health – Addiction could cost over \$ 10,000 a year
- Family Life – Divorce, Violence, Adult children experience depression, workplace injuries

Not just thinking about the consequences of a decision, but the consequences of those consequences.

Driving Under the Influence - K.S.A. 8-1001(v) This act is remedial law and shall be liberally construed to **promote public health, safety and welfare.**

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