

TESTIMONY OF PHILLIP COSBY **OPPONENT OF SB 253**
STATE DIRECTOR AMERICAN FAMILY ACTION OF KANSAS AND MISSOURI KANSAS SENATE
FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE March 2023

SB - 253 — Authorizing home delivery of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverage by a licensed retailer, including delivery through a third-party delivery service.

2022 Kansas 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 – 2022 Alcohol Beverage Control 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? Uber sobriety tests? What could possibly go wrong? Keep em face down drunk at home vs. on the road?

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

Fiscal note – “would increase agency’s revenues by an unknown amount” . Let’s think beyond “unknown”. What is known...

- 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, domestic violence, suicide, Adult children experience depression, child abuse , neglect, workplace injuries

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

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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1. Williams RR, Ribisl KM. Internet Alcohol Sales to Minors. Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine. 2012;166(9):808-13.

2. Encl: FOX 4 “I want everyone to understand that two years ago we’d write 500 DUIs a year. Now they’ve done 1,300 this year.

3. Encl: Alcohol and Drug Foundation article re: online alcohol delivery