ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB914

Hearing Date: Monday February 10, 2014

Committee On: General Affairs **Introducer:** Karpisek

One Liner: Provide for a limited bottling endorsement under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Bloomfield, Crawford, Johnson, Karpisek, Krist, Lautenbaugh,

Schilz

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Coash

Proponents: Representing:

Sen. Russ Karpisek Introducer

Mark KantarasFlagship Restaurant GroupHobie RupeNE Liquor Control CommissionJim MoylanNE Licensed Beverage Association

Opponents:Representing:Nicole CarrittProject Extra Mile

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 914 would allow a retail licensee with a class C license to be eligible for a limited bottling endorsement. LB 914 clarifies that craft brewery licensees may also get the limited bottling endorsement, although current law already allows them to bottle their product under their manufacturer's license.

The limited bottling endorsement would allow the license holder to repackage beer into containers, commonly referred to as growlers. The growlers may not exceed 68 ounces, which is approximately 2 liters, but must feature a logo of the licensee's trade name. The licensee must provide a sanitized container and either seal it or place the container in a bag that is then sealed. The container or bag must have the purchase receipt attached. Customers from the licensed premises may then remove these containers for off-site consumption.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson