

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1104

Hearing Date: Monday February 03, 2014
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Watermeier
One Liner: Change farm winery licensing provisions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Bloomfield, Coash, Crawford, Johnson, Karpisek, Krist, Schilz
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:
Sen. Dan Watermeier

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

There is a Nebraska Attorney General's opinion that states that under current law, a farm winery licensee is not eligible for a retail license. LB 1104 would allow the holder of a farm winery license to be eligible for a retail license. Arguably, a farm winery licensee could be eligible for a retail license under current law; however, the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission has indicated that it would likely follow the Attorney General's opinion and deny such an application.

A similar issue occurred regarding brewpubs that ultimately required a legislative change to allow brewpubs to apply for a retail license. The brewpub license is limited in that it restricts distribution to its own restaurants and not other retailers. The farm winery license allows the holder to manufacture, distribute and retail, but limits retailing to its own farm winery products.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson