

From: mrjohnbutts
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:24:08 PM

I support hb375 with out the last minute amendments and should allow tasting rooms for our craft distillerys it's they are an asset to our community and provide a safe place to have a cocktail and celebrate our local buisness

From: Kaari Busick
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB 357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:31:28 PM

I support passage of HB 357 without the last minute addition of regulations for craft brewers and distilleries & tasting rooms. It is past time that alcohol regulations in Alaska are overhauled, and attempting to throw tasting room regulation in this bill would be hasty and ill-advised.

That said, I also support tasting rooms at distilleries and breweries, and those providers being allowed to mix cocktails for customers.

Thank you.
Kaari Busick
Juneau

From: Rob Borland
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB 357/SB76
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:20:23 PM

I am writing to voice my support for SB76 UNALTERED. Any ammendments or CS's to this bill jeopardizes 6 years of hard work by literally hundreds of people. It is very inappropriate to try to change this bill to further limit manufacturers at this point.

Thank you,

Rob Borland
Fairbanks, AK

From: xoots@yahoo.com
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:16:21 PM

Just want to express my support of HB357 without any last-minute amendments, please. Thank you.

Patty Fiorella
Douglas, AK

Sent from my iPhone

From: Laura Steele
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB357 Comments
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:14:25 PM

Good afternoon!

I am writing in regards to HB357. I support the bill as it stands, without last-minute additions adding stricter regulations for local craft producers and tasting rooms. These are two very different issues, and I am not in support of stricter regulations on the manufacturing of craft products or more strict regulation of our state's craft beverage tasting rooms.

Best,
Laura Steele
6260 N. Douglas Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801
907-957-6034

From: Will Geiger
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:18:44 PM

Hello,

My name is William Geiger, I am a 27 year old resident of Juneau. I want to express my support HB357. However I must be clear that I support the bill but DO NOT support any amendments or revisions that may have recently been made to it or that may be made to it in the near future.

Thank you
Will Geiger

From: Olivia Edwards
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: One voter's opinion on SB76
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:33:37 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I support SB76 as written, and would NOT support any amendments or CS's to the bill dealing with limiting manufacturers and tasting rooms any further. This bill is the fruits of literally six years of work by many people who have spent thousands of hours on it. It passed unanimously through the Senate. It would be VERY inappropriate to change this bill now in this committee.

Thank you,
Olivia Edwards
2325 Wheat Ln.
Fairbanks, AK 99709

From: Will Elliott
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support for HB 357, without Amendments
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 2:58:46 PM

Dear Representatives,

I am commenting on the issue of 'tasting room' regulations and HB 357. I support HB 357, but do not support the recent last-minute, preferential amendments that would make it harder for distilleries and tasting rooms to do business, to the benefit of bars and other competitors.

As a lifelong Alaska, I have observed both the economic opportunities and the social problems related to alcohol in Alaska. Currently, distilleries like Amalga in Juneau are a hugely positive influence, creating an Alaskan-made product, investing in the state, and providing community gathering places without the problems endemic to the bar scene.

It's no surprise that competitors would be threatened by explosion of community support our distilleries have received. However, in the name of competition, they should rise to the occasion and provide a similar level of quality, not use legislative tactics to prevent progress and growth.

Thank you for considering my comments and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Will Elliott
Juneau, AK

From: Brian Buma
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support for HB357 WITHOUT the last minute ammendements
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:27:48 PM

Hi - I am writing to ask that you pass HB357 without the last minute amendments associated with new, stricter regulations for local craft producers and tasting rooms in Alaska. This industry is one of the few bright spots associated with the Alaskan economy. We need these kinds of tourist and local friendly businesses to stay open, as is, for the good of the community. Please do not adopt the extreme amendments proposed yesterday, and pass HB357 without them.

Brian Buma
Juneau resident

From: Alexis Howard
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support for HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:56:04 PM

I am writing because I support HB357 without the last minute amendments. Please pass HB357 with the changes that were proposed.

Thank you,
Alexis Howard
Juneau, AK

From: Janelle Quimpo
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support HB357 without
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:15:36 PM

I support HB357 without these last minute amendments.

Thank you,
Janelle Palomino

From: Kate Baldrige
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support HB357 without last minute amendments
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:19:31 PM

Just a note before today's hearing to voice my support of HB357 without the last minute amendments put forward yesterday by a small number of bar owners. Do not let these amendments derail HB357.

Kate Baldrige
6270 N Douglas Hwy Apt A
Juneau, AK 99801

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse brevity and typos.

From: Casey & Caroline Walker
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support hb357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 2:02:22 PM

I vote and I support HB 357.

Caroline Walker

From: Linnea Pearson
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support of HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:13:01 PM

Hello,

I am writing in support of HB357 without the addition of amendments. I am a resident of Juneau, AK 99801.

Linnea Pearson

Sent from my iPhone

From: Steven G
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support of HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:24:29 PM

Good Afternoon,

I support HB357 without the last minute amendments from bar owners.

Thank you,

Steven Gabelein

From: Anthony Imboden
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: In support of HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:03:55 PM

As a bartender who works under those trying their best to regulate the taproom of distilleries and breweries, I do not agree with their last minute advances in further regulation of a growing industry. In the lower 48, taproom have grown to be a great way to showcase their product and don't tend to disrupt the bar business, as they tend to work together and my bar does just that with Amalga. I showcase their product in all of my featured drinks, and they work with me in building a continuing partnership. The issues of a taproom are the least of our worries though, as alcoholism is growing on our streets and in our homes. We need to be working together to tackle the mental illness more so than petty squabbling between Bar Owners and Producers of the product. If Bar Owners are more concerned with their wallets than the health of their clientele then we need to seriously address that issue moreso than an a taproom showing the world their wonderful products.

Thank you for your time,
A concerned Bartender

From: Lauren Verrelli
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support of HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:30:52 PM

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you to voice my support of HB357 without these last minute amendments.

Thank you,

Lauren Verrelli

From: heidi shepard
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support of SB76
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:44:38 PM

Good Afternoon,

I would like to express my support for SB76 as written. I would not support any amendments or CS's to the bill dealing with limiting manufacturers and tasting rooms any further.

This bill passed unanimously through the Senate and I believe it is unnecessary and ill advised to change the bill now.

Thank you,

Heidi Shepard
1043 Pasque Rd.
Fairbanks, Ak 99712

From: Diane Kaplan
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#)
Subject: SB76
Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 9:56:30 AM

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April 23, 2018

Dear Representative Sam Kito ,

There is a critically important piece of legislation before you that we hope receives your attention and sees passage before your upcoming adjournment. We are writing in support of SB76, the Title 4 rewrite bill. SB76 and companion bill HB357 update the statutes governing Alaska's alcohol laws, which haven't been updated since the 1980s. This legislation is the product of a six-year collaboration that engaged over 100 stakeholders, including people from every level of the alcohol industry, public health, substance use prevention and treatment providers, local governments, police, advocates for youth, and more. This bill offers a consensus-based set of recommendations that address current problems in law and creates a better framework to address future issues in the law.

Many pages of the bill simply reorganize current Title 4, aligning penalties with the various populations they impact and putting all the license types in one section, making it more user-friendly for the public and easier to administer for the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office. There are also critical changes to the statute that need to be passed this year in order to create a safer, more equitable environment.

Recommendations are geared to promoting a fair business climate while protecting public health and safety, creating rational

regulation for all tiers of the state's alcohol industry, limiting youth access to alcohol, promoting responsible alcohol use and reducing the harms of overconsumption, and implementing updates without negatively impacting businesses and responsible operators. The changes offer practical solutions for some of Alaska's long-standing problems related to alcohol.

- **<!--[endif]-->SB76/HB 357 increase fees for alcohol licenses, which will generate additional revenue for the state and for individual communities that receive a portion of the revenue for local law enforcement.<!--[endif]-->**

Many of these fees have not been increased since the 1980s. Additionally, increased fees will generate revenue for the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board to be able to effectively perform compliance checks, educate businesses and communities about our laws, and better enforce the state's alcohol laws.

- **SB76/HB 357 give the state additional tools for controlling Internet sales of alcohol and holds businesses accountable for following state rules.**

This is necessary to respect our local option communities' decision to restrict alcohol, and to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors. Alaska is one of the only states with no regulation of Internet sales of alcohol. This means anyone, including a young person or a person in a local option community that has banned alcohol, can freely order alcohol online from any business willing to ship to them.

- **SB76/HB 357 support better enforcement of alcohol laws, as well as more education to businesses and communities about following the laws and operating responsibly.<!--[endif]-->**

Alcohol is a major factor in many crimes committed in Alaska, including domestic violence and child maltreatment. Having a well-regulated alcohol industry that understands and follows the <!--[endif]-->laws is part of the solution.

- **SB76/HB 357 hold businesses with alcohol sales licenses immediately accountable if an <!--[endif]-->employee serves a minor or overserves someone who's already intoxicated. <!--[endif]-->**This gives business owners more financial incentive to make sure their employees are trained and following state laws.

- **SB76/HB 357 streamline the alcohol <!--[endif]-->licensing system.**

The bill eliminates the unintended consequences of creating new specialty license types and more outlets for alcohol and keeps population limits on the number of retail outlets per community. Limiting the number of alcohol outlets per capita has been proven to reduce violence, crime, and injuries in those communities.

<!--[endif]-->It is a rare day when public health and safety advocates are aligned with the alcohol industry. The <!--[endif]-->solutions found in SB76 came only after many hours across the table from one another, week after <!--[endif]-->week, until we found common ground. There is no doubt further work to do on Title 4, but we must <!--[endif]-->start with these consensus-based recommendations, and we must act as quickly as possible. Please pass <!--[endif]-->SB76 this year.

<!--[endif]-->Thank you for your attention.

<!--[endif]-->Sincerely, <!--[endif]-->

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Rasmuson Foundation

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From: Daniel F Kirkwood
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: comments on HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:10:51 PM

Dear Committee Members,

As a supporter of the vibrant and creative craft producers in the Juneau community, I hope that you will move ahead with HB357 without ammendments that jeopardize the legislation or place additional restrictions on these innovative businesses.

Thank you

Dan Kirkwood

Juneau, AK

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Daniel F. Kirkwood

dfkirkwood@gmail.com

From: tamar harrison
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 2:50:46 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am a long term Skagway resident and I want to let you know that I support HB357 without any last minute amendments.

Thank you for your consideration

Tamar Harrison

From: olivato78
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Title 4 Reform
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:24:23 PM

To whom it may concern

My name is Damian Olivato, and I am writing to voice my support for the passage of Title 4 Reform in its current form.

In a time when Alaska is hurting, fiscally, I feel that the revenue and job creation related to distillery and brewery tasting rooms is by far a positive boost for our towns and communities.

Once again, I support the passage of Title 4 Reform in its current form.

Thank you

Damian Olivato

From: Tiffany Reynolds
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: SB76
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:15:48 PM

To: The House, Labor, and Commerce

As a manager of a thriving bar located in Skagway, Alaska, I support all craft manufactures in the state of Alaska by supporting SB76 in it's current form. . The Title IV rewrite is about the health and safety of our communities, adequately funding the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office and modernizing the framework of the State's alcohol laws. SB76 represents the culmination of 6 years of hard work, now is not the time to add amendments to the bill favoring one sector of the industry over another.

Tiffany Reynolds

From: Matthew Turner
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Title 4 reform
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 2:25:37 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Matt Turner and I am writing in to support the passage of title four in its current form. In a time when Alaska is hurting a new industry is up and coming, providing jobs and revenue to the state. To limit its potential is unproductive and not in the states best interest.

I hope my submission on this matter will help the passage of the title four reform in its current form. For the good of Alaska.

Thank you,

Matt Turner
Alaska Icefield Expeditions and
Klondike Brewing Co

From: Philip Fitzgerald
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: regarding HB 357 and SB 76
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:30:43 PM

I am writing to address two bills before your committee. I support HB 357 without the last minute amendments restricting tasting rooms, and I support SB 76 which would clarify the original legislation allowing distillery tasting rooms.

These micro distilleries and breweries are locally owned business which provide quality jobs for Alaskans. Many other places in the US craft breweries and distilleries are considered to be draws for tourism. At a point in time when the states economy is struggling, it is unfortunate that many promising small businesses are stuck in regulatory limbo.

Philip Fitzgerald

Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709

From: jtbryant1234
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Sb76
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:31:50 PM

To who it may concern,
We are all in a unique and important position to help shape and provide our future commerce here, in our home, Alaska.

It's important to understand that there are many opportunities that can provide many year round jobs and futures to our Alaskan residents who are our friends and families.
Please support the passage of SB76 in its current form without additional amendments.

Thank you for your time and hard work.

Joe Bryant, 29 years of being a proud Alaskan with an Alaskan daughter. Our future.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: Amund Rongstad
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 4:29:44 PM

I am emailing in my support for the passing of HB357 as it stood earlier this week. I am not in favor of passing this bill with the amendments concerning distillery, brewery, and winery tasting rooms. This issue is complexed, with many different issues and many different opinions. This issue should be resolved as a stand alone bill, and dealt with in the 2019 legislative session. I would also like to add that I am NOT in favor of placing additional restrictions on tasting rooms, or confines of how manufacturers should be conducting their businesses.

Thank you for you're consideration.

Amund Rongstad.

For the record, I am an employee of Amalga Distillery, a distillery located in Juneau, Alaska.

From: B Webster
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 4:30:47 PM

Hi there! My name is Bonnie Webster and I live in Juneau Alaska. I am writing about HB357. I would like to respectfully let you know that I support HB357 WITHOUT the last minute amendments.

Thank you!
Bonnie Webster
918-955-3646

Sent from my iPhone

From: Emily Potter
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 4:54:20 PM

I support SB76 as written, and would NOT support any amendments or CS's to the bill dealing with limiting manufacturers and tasting rooms any further. This bill is the fruits of literally six years of work by many people who have spent thousands of hours on it. It passed unanimously through the Senate. It would be VERY inappropriate to change this bill now in this committee.

I am disheartened by our representatives trying to destroy small business in Alaska and for involving themselves in bills that are a direct conflict of interest. Big bars are fighting small business distilleries. An owner of one of the big bars should have zero part in this. It is highly disappointing to see this all unfold as our elected officials should be better than this and held to a high standard. I am writing this because I am working during the time to call in.
Emily Potter

From: Alan McPherson
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB 357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:50:56 PM

Dear Representatives,

I am in favor or better regulation of the Alcohol production and sales in Alaska. I would hope that HB 357 can be passed to improve safety. It would be sad if a small number of bar owners from Juneau were allowed to add unnecessary amendments to the bill for their own business needs , and subvert the good work and intention of the main bill.

Thank you, Dr. Alan McPherson.

From: Trey Simmons
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 4:07:47 PM

Greetings -

I am writing to comment on HB357 and specifically to urge the committee not to make any changes to the language of SB76. I support SB76 as written, and do not support any changes to the language of that bill. SB76 passed unanimously and amendments or other changes at this point would be counterproductive and inappropriate.

Thank you,

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Trey Simmons
PO Box 91
Ester Alaska 99725

From: Janice Caulfield
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support HB357 without amendments
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:57:39 PM

I am writing to support the passage HB357 without the last minute amendments now under consideration that relate to local craft manufacturing and tasting rooms.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment.

Jan Caulfield
525 W 9th St.
Juneau, AK 99801
janc@gci.net

From: cjsak@aol.com
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 4:15:53 PM

Please support HB357 without the last minute amendments and protect the ability of our local craft brewers and tasting rooms to continue to offer their products!

I am concerned with the negative legislation that is trying to shut down our growing businesses - distilleries and craft breweries in the state! This does not help our economy nor encourage these entrepreneurs to invest in building local businesses!

Carin Smolin
Douglas, Alaska

From: Sally Millay
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 6:00:51 PM

I am writing you to show my support for HB357. I hope you too will support our community by showing support of this bill.

Thank you,
Sally Millay

Sent from my iPhone

From: carolynmay518@gmail.com
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: SB76/HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 5:45:26 PM

To whom it may concern,

I support SB76 as written, and would NOT support any amendments or CS's to the bill dealing with limiting manufacturers and tasting rooms any further. This bill is the fruits of literally six years of work by many people who have spent thousands of hours on it. It passed unanimously through the Senate. It would be VERY inappropriate to change this bill now in this committee.

Thank you for your time,
Carolyn Dobbs



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May 3, 2018

The Honorable Sam Kito
House Labor and Commerce Committee
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Kito and Committee Members:

The Alaska Public Health Association is pleased to submit this letter in support of SB 76, *"An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; relating to the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and common carriers of alcoholic beverages; relating to licenses, endorsements, and permits involving alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to offenses involving alcoholic beverages; amending Rule 17(h), Alaska Rules of Minor Offense Procedure; and providing for an effective date."*

The Alaska Public Health Association (ALPHA) is a regional affiliate of the American Public Health Association. It is a statewide membership organization of health professionals, advocates, students and community members that are dedicated to improving the health of all Alaskans.

The Alaska Public Health Association supports much needed revisions to Title IV of the Alaska Statutes. For your information, attached is ALPHA's Resolution "Supporting Senate Bill 76 (207), Revisions to Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes" adopted in January of 2018.

We believe that SB 76, as a whole, will benefit communities, businesses, public health, safety and welfare in Alaska.

Sincerely,

P Owen

Patty Owen
Policy Committee Co-Chair

cc: Senator Peer Micciche



Supporting Senate Bill 76 (2017), Revisions to Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse costs Alaska more than \$1.8 billion annually, and these costs are borne by the State and local governments, employers and residents;¹

WHEREAS, over 18% of Alaskans 18 and older reported binge drinking in the last month, almost 14% of high school age youth reported binge drinking in the last month, and nearly 7% of Alaskans age 12 and older reported that they are dependent on alcohol;²

WHEREAS, in 2014 alone, one-quarter of all arrests and offenses in Alaska (9,438) were alcohol related, and 17 percent of victims (7,313 individuals) suffered from alcohol-related crimes;³

WHEREAS, creating and maintaining a logical, comprehensive and consistent system of alcohol control is necessary for balancing the economic interests of alcohol businesses with the public's interest in protecting community health and safety;

WHEREAS, Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes is the law regulating alcoholic beverages in the State of Alaska;

WHEREAS, the AS 04.06.090 states that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board "shall control the manufacture, barter, possession, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the state" and that the Board "is vested with the powers, duties and responsibilities necessary for the control of alcoholic beverages";

WHEREAS, Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes has not been substantially updated since 1980;

WHEREAS, over 100 stakeholders and staff representing the alcohol industry, public health, local governments, and public safety spent over 11,000 hours of dedicated time over five years to craft proposed revisions to Title 4;⁴

WHEREAS, stakeholders who served on the Underage Drinking Committee thoroughly considered and ultimately adopted many of the existing recommendations in *Alaska's Strategies to Prevent Underage Drinking* (2013), which includes evidence-based strategies for addressing underage alcohol use and represents the work of partners including the Department of Health and Social Services, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the Division of Juvenile Justice, the Alaska Native Justice Center, the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and the Alaska Court System;⁵

WHEREAS, the Title 4 Review stakeholders group worked closely with Senator Peter Micciche to craft a comprehensive legislative package that would enact the recommendations of this multi-year process;

¹ McDowell Group (2017). *The Economic Costs of Alcohol Abuse in Alaska, 2016 Update*, prepared for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. <http://www.mcdowellgroup.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/mcdowell-group-economic-costs-of-drug-abuse-final-4.24.17.pdf>

² Alaska Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2016; Alaska Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2017; SAMHSA National Survey of Drug Use and Health, 2013-2014.

³ McDowell Group (2017). *The Economic Costs of Alcohol Abuse in Alaska, 2016 Update*, prepared for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

⁴ For more information about the Title 4 Review process and stakeholder recommendations, please refer to the project's summary report: *Alaska Title 4 Review, Recommendations for Statutory Change*, updated October 2017.

⁵ Alaska Committee to Prevent Underage Drinking (ACPUD) (2013). *Alaska's Strategies to Prevent Underage Drinking*.



WHEREAS, on March 3, 2017, Senate Bill 76 was introduced by Senator Micciche for consideration in the 30th Session of the Alaska Legislature;

WHEREAS, the recommendations in SB 76 will, *as a whole*, promote a fair business climate and protect public health and safety, create rational regulation for all tiers of the state's alcohol industry, limit youth access to alcohol, and promote responsible alcohol use and reduce the harms of overconsumption;

WHEREAS, SB 76 will, *as a whole*, benefit communities, businesses, and public health, safety and welfare;

WHEREAS, SB 76 will benefit youth by ensuring that the penalty for underage drinking does not jeopardize a young person's future, providing an incentive to seek needed alcohol education or treatment, and holding adults who supply alcohol to youth more accountable;

WHEREAS, SB 76 will benefit public health by preventing youth access to alcohol, preserving population limits on alcohol licenses and managing density of alcohol outlets, promoting responsible and moderate consumption at alcohol establishments and events, and regulating purchases of alcohol shipped directly to customers;

WHEREAS, SB 76 will benefit public safety by providing resources for local education and enforcement, improving law enforcement's ability to address violations of Title 4, and increasing availability of data about alcohol entering local option communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 76 will improve the Alcohol Beverage Control Board's and agency staff's ability to effectively administer and enforce Title 4 and its associated regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Alaska Public Health Association, on this date of January 16, 2018 support the recommendations of the Title 4 Review stakeholders and urge the Legislature to pass Senate Bill 76.

Adopted January 16, 2018

From: Bret Luick
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: SB87/HB357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 4:11:49 PM

Dear Representatives,

I live at 4050 Old Wood Road, Ester, AK 99725 and I support SB87/HB357, which updates regulation of alcohol in Alaska. The need to address the health and safety needs of Alaskans in relation to alcohol consumption is of extreme importance.

It is my understanding that the distillery tasting room debate is being conflated with this bill. Please do not allow the contentious tasting room debate to undermine SB87/HB357, and do not amend the bill with tasting room language.

Respectfully, Bret Luick
Ester, AK

From: Chris Turner
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 76
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 5:28:45 PM

My name is Christine Turner. I am writing to urge you to support the passage of title four in its current form.

Christine Turner
Gold Rush Brewery, LLC

From: Nathan Belz
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: SB76
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 7:05:13 PM

I support SB76 as written, and do NOT support any amendments or CS's to the bill dealing with limiting manufacturers and tasting rooms any further. This bill as written is the fruits of literally six years of work by many people who have spent thousands of hours on it. It passed unanimously through the Senate. It would be VERY inappropriate to change this bill now in this committee.

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Nathan P. Belz, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, UAF Civil and Environmental Engineering
Assistant Director, Center for Safety Equity in Transportation
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From: Jordan Widman
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: I support SB76 as Written!
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 8:47:41 PM

I support SB76 as written, and would NOT support any amendments or CS's to the bill dealing with limiting manufacturers and tasting rooms any further. This bill is the fruits of literally six years of work by many people who have spent thousands of hours on it. It passed unanimously through the Senate. It would be VERY inappropriate to change this bill now in this committee.

Please consider this!

Jordan Widman



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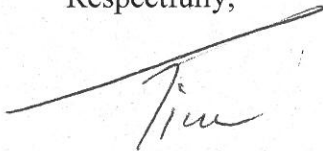
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April 13th, 2018

Dear Senator Micciche,


Thank you for your work in support of craft brewers in Alaska, specifically your removal of the 80/20 provision in SB 76 for removal of the proposed rule for new breweries, wineries and distilleries in their manufacturer retail licenses to sell only 20% of total volume produced through a retail space (tasting room) and exemption of common carrier dispensaries from maintaining Alaska-based alcohol server education. With this amendment, our local breweries can continue to grow in a difficult economy. As always, it is a pleasure to work with you. Thank you for your time and dedication.

Respectfully,



Tim Dillon
Executive Director
Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District
Tim@kpedd.org



Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR)
The State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development certified KPEDD as an ARDOR in 1989.



Economic Development District (EDD)
The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) recognized KPEDD as an Economic Development District in 1988.



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April 13, 2018

Office of Sen. Peter Micciche
Co/Rachel Hanke, Legislative Aide
State Capitol Room 508
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: SB 76 – Alcoholic Beverage Control; Alcohol Reg.

Dear Senator Micciche:

On behalf of the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors I am writing to encourage you to support SB 76 with the amendment to remove the 80/20 provision regarding brewery taprooms, and to thank you for your work on this legislation. With this change, SB 76 fits well with the Chamber's mission "To promote responsible growth for Greater Soldotna through representation, education and advocacy for our members."

Breweries & taprooms have always been about more than beer. They serve as community hubs, gathering places, and sources of local identity and pride. As Soldotna's very own Kenai River Brewing Company and St. Elias Brewing Company demonstrate, they're also increasingly serving as engines of economic development and catalysts for cities and towns, especially in rural areas.

In addition to immediate economic benefits and establishing a sense of place, successful breweries are a huge draw for the increasingly lucrative world of craft-beer tourism. Recent Brewers Association data shows that 1.6 percent of craft-beer drinkers take 10-plus trips annually to brewers more than two hours from their home.

The Soldotna Chamber supports nurturing this growing industry with a focus on family friendly environments and responsible consumption. With the 80/20 provision removed we believe SB 76 is a positive piece of legislation for Soldotna, and all residents of Alaska. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Shanon Davis
Executive Director

April 10, 2018

Senator Peter Micciche
c/o Rachel Hanke, Legislative Aide
Alaska Legislator
State Capitol Room 508
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: SB 76 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL/REGULATION

Dear Senator Micciche:

I want to express gratitude for your amendment to SB 76 to remove the 80/20 provision for brewery taprooms. I don't believe this legislation with the 80/20 clause included would be reasonable for new breweries that want to offer a safe environment for those just wanting to enjoy craft beer at friendly establishment. Many local breweries are proud to showcase their taprooms and, while many do also successfully distribute their product, SB 76 without the 80/20 provision removed would potentially deter other craft breweries from opening in the future. I fully support SB 76 with that provision removed.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leah Vik', with a stylized, cursive script.

Leah Vik
Kenai Peninsula Brewing & Tasting Society

From: Ed Lindquist
To: [Erick Cordero Giorgana](#); [Rachel Hanke](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#)
Subject: HB 357
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:32:24 PM

1st off I'd like to thank Sen. Micciche for removing the 80/20 provision of SB 76 and I fully support Sen. Micciche's version with the 80/20 removed. With that said, I ask that HB357 make the same change.

Thank you for your time.

*Ed Lindquist
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Re: Senate Bill 76/ House Bill 357 Letter of Support

Cooper Landing Brewing Company (CLBC) is in full support of SB 76/ HB 357 providing the 80/20 distribution clause is removed. CLBC would like to gracefully thank Senator Micciche for listening to our collective concerns with the provision and taking action to remove it. We respectfully ask Rep. Kopp to do the same.

Small breweries like CLBC would not be able to continue profitable operation if subject to the 80/20 rule. The cost to produce small batches of product prohibit profitable wholesale. Currently CLBC does not have a taproom and our sales are close to 80% wholesale. We operate at a loss and will continue to do so until we can open a taproom and increase retail beer sales to at least 50%. If our outlook for the future was subject to the 80/20 rule we would simply close our business and scrap our plans to build.

The breweries, cideries, and distilleries of Alaska already operate under some of the most stringent taproom rules in the country. We are subject to strict regulations that protect both the wholesalers and bar owners. Collectively through the Brewers Guild of Alaska (BGA) we have made concessions to move this bill along as it contains positive change for the alcohol industry as a whole. We have agreed to population limits on taprooms, higher license fees, and continued taproom restrictions to protect the business interests of other business models within the alcohol industry.

CLBC would like to thank everyone that has worked long and hard to modernize Title IV. We urge Rep. Kopp to remove the 80/20 provision for full BGA Member support.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nelz Barnett", with a long, sweeping underline.

Nelz Barnett
Managing Member/ Brewer
Cooper Landing Brewing Company, LLC.

KENAI RIVER BREWING CO.

308 Homestead Lane
Soldotna, AK 99669
(907) 262-BEER



Dear Representative Knopp,

April 30, 2018

I am writing to show our full support for the passing of the rewrite of Title 4. This has been a long process to get where we are, involving many stakeholders in a major rewrite of the Alcohol Laws of Alaska. The passing of this bill will bring fairness, a clearer understanding of licenses, and easier compliance for all license holders.

Kenai River Brewing Company has been in business for 12 years. We have grown for each of those 12 years both in business and community involvement. I now have 21 full-time employees working in the brewery and taproom. We recently built and expanded a brand new facility using local designers and contractors. We contribute to nearly all local non-profits and charitable events both in our community and across the state. The passing of this bill will allow us to continue our growth and employment curve as well as providing a valuable gathering place for our community.

We appreciate your work on this bill and ask for your support in its passing.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Douglas Hogue", written in a cursive style.

R. Douglas Hogue
Owner/President

To The Honorable Representative Kopp,

I would first like to state that I have no financial interest in any alcohol related business. I am, however, a supporter of the development of small business, especially in light of the State's current economic condition. I am a beer enthusiast. My wife and I enjoy visiting breweries in smaller towns or parts of the cities I normally wouldn't have a reason to venture into. They have become a tourist destination for us and our group of friends. I also think of these smaller towns that have limited employment opportunities and, thanks to a brewery, a small business has cropped up employing several people as well as provide a community meeting site. Some may even begin to serve food and thereby employ more people. Back in pre-prohibition times there were many such neighborhood breweries.

The point of this message is that I have been following the progress of SB 76 and HB 357 and in general can support these changes to Title 4. I am however concerned about the 80/20 provision in HB 357. My concern is that many of these breweries started out very small, usually on credit card debt and hard work. The 80/20 provision would totally snuff these upstarts out. Where are they going to enter the wholesale market? Tap space at the local bars is very limited and it's virtually impossible to crack into the cooler space at retailers. Cooler space is prime real estate dominated by distributor's wares. A distributor charges a significant fee to distribute your product and wouldn't be interested in picking up a client who can't produce a large enough volume and doesn't have a proven track record or following. These opportunities will be lost by this one provision.

I understand the need to support those businesses that currently have licenses. I also believe that with the existing laws restricting the amount served (three 12 oz. glasses of beer) and the closing hour of 8:00 already provides significant protection. From my point of view, and my own habits, it's almost a whole different set of clients.

Please consider supporting the free market aspect of this and remove the 80/20 provision.

Sincerely,

Steve Ford

48000 Woken Ct

Kenai, Ak 99611



April 9, 2018

RE: In support of Senate Bill 76

To Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am asking you to support Senate Bill 76 which would revise Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. This bill is the product of a five-year process initiated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to engage a diverse group of more than 100 stakeholders across the state to determine how to improve the structure, organization, specific policies and associated implementation issues in Title 4, Alaska's statutes regarding regulation and control of alcoholic beverages in the state.

Title 4 is recognized to be in many ways outdated, confusing or otherwise ineffective in carrying out the intent of the statutes. Much of the chapter has not been updated since 1980. Over time, incremental updates and changing trends have reduced the effectiveness of Title 4. This systematic redraft of Title 4 will help the ABC Board carry out its mission and will benefit organizations and individuals whose work, community or business is affected by alcoholic beverage laws and regulations.

The proposed revisions in SB 76 are a comprehensive package of inter-related proposals to improve the overall system of alcohol regulation in Alaska. They will:

- Make Title 4 a clear and consistent framework used by licensees, the ABC Board and law enforcement
- Increasing effectiveness of Title 4 enforcement by improving the swiftness, proportionality and consistency of penalties
- Increasing licensee accountability before the ABC Board for Title 4 violations.

This package ensures that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board fairly represents the interests of all Alaskans and will be a leader in alcohol education, policy and regulation. It will promote a fair business climate and protect public health and



safety by:

- Creating a rational regulatory structure for Alaska's alcohol licensing system
- Limiting youth access to alcohol
- Promoting responsible alcohol use and reduce the harms of overconsumption.

Our company employs 500 people and we would very much like to expand. Currently, as a brewpub, our beer production is capped and we cannot grow. A revised Title IV as contemplated by Senate Bill 76 would once again let us further develop our business, and hopefully increase our employment numbers.

I urge you to support the significant multi-year effort of this statewide stakeholder group by voting in support of SB 76 and improving Title 4.

Sincerely,

Matt Jones
Co-founder

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The Honorable Peter Micciche
Senate Majority Leader
Alaska State Legislature
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April 13, 2018

Dear Senator Micciche,

We are life-long Alaskans and co-owners of Double Shovel Cider Co. (DSCC) in Anchorage. DSCC is a small hard cider manufacturing company that launched in May of 2016. We have an on-site tasting room, employ fifteen Alaskans (three full time), and distribute our products throughout most of the state.

We write you today to show our full support for the current version SB-76, contingent upon the removal of the “80/20” rule being pushed by a small minority of special interest parties. We thank you for introducing the amendment to have this rule removed.

The most unfortunate result of the Alaska government overstepping its mandate and defying common sense by forcing manufacturers to sell 80% of their product wholesale, is seeing the vast majority of the industry fold. This type of business model shouldn’t be forced upon small businesses by the government for the benefit of one economic sub-sector. If a small manufacturer is simply happy with only producing a few barrels of product per month and there’s a public demand for enjoying their tasting room, that should be perfectly okay...and legal.

Another major issue with not removing the “80-20” rule is the short-sightedness of the “grandfather” caveat included with the formerly proposed language. Simply put: *Why would any investors or entrepreneurs want to start a business when manufactures already in the industry can do whatever they want?* Frankly, I would assume the stakeholders that supported the idea of the “grandfather” clause in the “80-20” rule were attempting to trick the manufacturing industry into shooting themselves in the foot. What they’re struggling to realize is: it would actually burn the whole thing down...

The “grandfather” clause would dissuade any new manufacturing outfits from opening in Alaska. Not only is this bad for our economy in a plethora of ways (to be mentioned later in this letter), this is actually bad for bars and restaurants, too. The public wants local products; and the venues that support them are out-earning the ones who aren’t. Without a local manufacturing scene, *Alaska* loses. It’s that simple.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to sit at the table and help shape this historical legislation. Some of our most urgent concerns were quickly addressed to ensure fair treatment of cideries. For example, the original bill limited consumption limits at winery tasting rooms to 18 ounces. This volume makes sense when you consider the higher ABV of typical wines, at around 11-13%. American hard cider typically has an ABV of 5-7%, and is defined by the federal government as having an ABV of below 8.5%. The current version matches winery consumption limits with those for breweries.

DSCC owners attended multiple steering committee meetings, shared this oversight, and the group was more than willing to accommodate us. For that, we’re very thankful. Revisions like this aren’t just good for DSCC; it’s good for Alaska’s entire economy because they promote an atmosphere friendly and welcoming to new cidery and other manufacturing investments and startups in the State.

Progressive legislation in touch with the consumer’s tastes create additional tax revenue; promote a vibrant hospitality scene attracting tourism and new residents; create skilled jobs; and most of all: enable wholesale growth so we can bring money *back* to Alaska from outside. This is the best thing about manufacturers: we aren’t limited to the Alaska market or tax revenue gained by people physically in Alaska. These benefits are just the tip of the iceberg.

Thank you again for all the time and effort you’ve spent working with all of the groups at stake to make Alaska a better and more prosperous state.

We look forward to working with you to improve the future of *all* Alaskans.

Sincerely,



Galen K. Jones



Jack J. Lau



Jerome J. Lau

From: [LIO Fairbanks](#)
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#); [House Finance](#)
Subject: Fw: Please forward to House Labor and Commerce
Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 8:53:09 AM

From: Rebecca Dunne <fiddler.rebecca@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 2:45 PM
To: LIO Fairbanks
Subject: Please forward to House Labor and Commerce

Thank you!
rebecca

Thank you for accepting my written testimony on SB 76. I support SB 76 as written. I do not support any amendments to the bill that limit manufacturers and tasting rooms any further.
Sincerely,
Rebecca Dunne
Fairbanks 99709

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Information about violin, fiddle, and horn lessons. Listen. Recordings of tunes for students

From: Noah Jenkins
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB357
Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 3:56:24 AM

I support HB357 without further amendments that address local craft tasting rooms.

Thanks,

Noah Jenkins
15295 Glacier Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801
907-209-4722

From: Deborah Gregoire
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support HB 357
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 7:43:57 PM

I'm weighing in with my hope and encouragement for Legislators to vote in support of HB 357.

Respectfully,
Deb Gregoire
Juneau, AK

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sally Kieper
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: SB76/HB 357
Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 5:19:11 AM

I support SB76 as it was written. Please do not put in any last minute amendments to further limit manufacturers and craft distillery tasting rooms.

The bar owners arguments against the tasting rooms are petty and you should listen to what the public wants, not the "good ole boys club".

I tried to call yesterday but couldn't get through.

Sent from my iPhone

From: the stardancer
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Distillery Legislation
Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 9:24:27 AM

I SUPPORT
HB 357.

The distillery in downtown Juneau is a delightful place. They are open limited hours, and serve only two drinks per customer. It is light a bright in there, and a very pleasant atmosphere. The product is superior to what is served elsewhere.

I do not go to those other dingy dark bars where odd people congregate.. The smell of those places is off-putting to say the least, and the atmosphere is horrible.

Please look into this bill further and do not limit creativity and hard work for small distilleries and brewers.

Thank you.
Melinda Dana

From: Tawney Letterman
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: CORRECTION HB357**
Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 11:15:58 AM

I support HB357 WITHOUT the last minute additions of regulations for craft breweries, distilleries, and tasting rooms. Implementing these last minute amendments hinders the budding culture of Alaskan craft brewing and distilling businesses. The tax money that comes from alcohol sales is an unbelievable asset to the state of Alaska, and to think about adding additional regulations to the possible increase in safe and responsible alcohol sales is deplorable.

With our antiquated laws, we are stifling a culture in Alaska that exists everywhere else in the world, with no detriment to the existing bars and pubs in the vicinity of tasting rooms, breweries, and distilleries. It is a fact that can be backed up with statistics and verifiable numbers, that the presence of craft breweries, distilleries and tap rooms in the vicinity of bars causes them no detriment, it also increases traffic to the area which stimulates other businesses, and allows a safe and responsible venue to enjoy the craft culture.

I understand that the bars that operate near craft breweries, distilleries, and tasting rooms see these as competition, but that prehistoric way of thinking divides the community and puts unnecessary strain on relationships between businesses. If these amendments pass, we will see further strain on that sector of our business community, and the modest amount of craft breweries, distilleries, and tasting rooms will dwindle. Alternatives to bars are NOT a negative thing, and should not be seen as such. Please reconsider.

Tawney Letterman
Hoonah, Alaska

From: Audrey Buma
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support for HB357 WITHOUT the last minute ammendements
Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 11:06:42 AM

Hi - I am writing to ask that you pass HB357 without the last minute amendments associated with new, stricter regulations for local craft producers and tasting rooms in Alaska. This industry is one of the few bright spots associated with the Alaskan economy. We need these kinds if tourist and local friendly businesses to stay open, as is, for the good of the community. Please do not adopt the extreme amendments proposed yesterday, and pass HB357 without them.

Audrey Buma
Juneau resident

From: fogey@rainforesttelecom.com
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: Support HB357
Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 10:26:43 AM

Please support the House Bill 357 and provide the legislative leadership needed in Alaska to allow the new businesses working and providing jobs here to function as they need to in order to provide the communities they serve with the products they produce right here in our state.

The new distilleries are welcome in cities and state and our legal environment needs to allow them to function.

Thank you for supporting HB357 with the Title IV rewrite that has been in the works for several years.

Sincerely,
William Arnold
PO Box 22730
Juneau, AK 99802

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From: kaity mac
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: In support of HB357
Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 10:38:39 AM

To whom it may concern,

I would like to extend my support for House Bill 357. As a young professional, and resident of North Douglas, I believe that it is vital to keep our distillery tap rooms fully functioning and easily accessible for Alaskan residents. Here in Juneau Amalga provides a safe, friendly and affordable way to enjoy a drink with friends without stepping into one of our towns many filthy, dingy bars.

Best regards,
Kaity McAdams

From: Renee Trafton
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB 357
Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 12:14:05 PM

Hello,

I am in support of HB 357, without added amendments regulation on manufacturing. This bill is about better alcohol regulation and the health and safety of our communities, not these manufacturing issues.

Thank you!

Renee Trafton
692 Indian River Rd
Sitka