



2/15/2016

The Honorable Peter Micciche
Senator
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Room 514
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Micciche,

I am writing you to urge your support for Senate Bill 165 (SB165) to revise portions of Title 4, the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. Alaska Children's Trust (ACT) is the lead statewide organization focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

One of our greatest assets is our children. We know that children who experience abuse, neglect and other traumas are more likely to have poor school performance, abuse substances, and end up incarcerated, among other issues. The majority of Alaska's child abuse and neglect cases involve Alcohol.

The changes to Title 4 in SB165, specifically the changes to Minor Consuming Alcohol (MCA) and Minor on Premises, will have significant benefits for Alaska's youth and for the criminal justice system. These changes would reduce and streamline penalties for Minor on Licensed Premises (AS 04.16.049) and Minor Consuming Alcohol (AS 04.16.050), to promote consistent enforcement of these laws while ensuring that underage youth are not criminalized for one mistake or punished for an underlying trauma. Furthermore, in the last five years, over 75% of Title 4 related charges were MCAs, and the vast majority of youth do not return to court with a second charge.

ACT strongly urges you to support the changes to SB165. These changes would strengthen Alaska's criminal justice system and positively impact Alaskan youth by not cutting them off from resilience factors and treating them with trauma-informed understanding. SB165 is a positive step towards bringing trauma-informed practices to our state.

Sincerely,

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Trevor Storrs
Executive Director

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February 10, 2016

Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Room 514
Juneau, Alaska 99801



Dear Honorable Senators:

The Alaska Wellness Coalition works collectively to improve the health and wellness of all Alaskans. The Coalition networks local and regional health and wellness alliances through information sharing of state and local data, evidence-based programming, best practices, strategic prevention, current health trends and statewide advocacy for health promotion.

On behalf of the Alaska Wellness Coalition, I am asking you to support Senate Bill 165 (SB165) to revise portions of Title 4, the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. This Bill is the first result of a four-year process initiated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to engage a diverse group of more than 70 stakeholders 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.

The proposed revisions are some of the high-priority recommendations to emerge from this stakeholder effort to improve the overall system of alcohol regulation in Alaska. Specifically, the provisions in this bill will:

- Ensure that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (AS 04.06.020) fairly represents the interests of all Alaskans by designating seats for public safety and public health, and retaining designated seats for industry representatives and a rural member;
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Changes to Minor Consuming Alcohol (MCA) and Minor on Premises will have significant benefits for Alaska's youth and for the criminal justice system: in the last five years, over 75% of Title 4 related charges were MCAs, and the vast majority of youth do not return to court with a second charge. I urge you to support the significant multi-year effort of this statewide stakeholder group, and specifically the priority items brought forward for consideration this year, by voting in support of SB 165 and making these important changes to Title 4.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie L. Allen
Coalition Director

Chuck Kopp

From: Dale Fox <dfox@alaskacharr.com>
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 9:26 AM
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Subject: Alaska CHARR supports SB 165

Dear Senator:

I am pleased to inform you that a compromise was reached this week on the composition of the ABC Board which I understand will be amended on the Senate floor. Alaska CHARR is now very supportive of SB 165.

I would like to thank the many Senators who worked with us to ensure the ABC board was not stacked against the hospitality industry. Many thanks to leadership and Senator Micciche for their efforts to seek a compromise so this bill could move forward.

Alaska CHARR would appreciate your vote in favor of SB 165.

Dale Fox

President & CEO

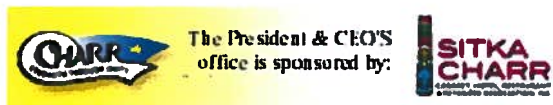
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Friday, March 25, 2016

Senate Judiciary Committee
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Sen. John Coghill, *vice chair*
Sen. Mia Costello, *member*
Sen. Peter Micciche, *member*
Sen. Bill Wielechowski, *member*

The Honorable Lesil McGuire
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Room 121
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee members:

Thank you very much for the Committee's consideration of Senate Bill 165, to be heard on Monday, March 28. In addition to the presentation we will provide at that time, we wanted to offer clarity regarding a topic that came up during public testimony about Senate Bill 165 during the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 23. We wish to inform the members of this committee of this important aspect of the bill and how it came about, and we would be happy to answer any further questions during Monday's hearing.

As co-chairs of the Title 4 Review Steering Committee, we have been involved in this process from its beginning in 2012. The proposed change to composition of the ABC Board was the result of a two-year negotiation within the Title 4 Review stakeholder process, and ultimately put forward in the package as one of many recommendations that had consensus. Initially, the public health and public safety partners had proposed to increase the board to seven members, with two designated seats for public health and public safety, in addition to the existing two industry members, two public members, and one public rural member. We were locked on this issue for many months. The compromise between industry, public health and public safety perspectives was negotiated by the two of us, in Mr. Klein's role as CHARR board member and chair of CHARR's Government Affairs Committee, and Mr. Jessee as a staunch public health advocate. The resulting language in the bill represents a compromise reached in 2014, which was further refined in Senate Labor and Commerce, and remains a key policy change in Title 4 to ensure the ABC Board brings a consistent and balanced approach to alcohol regulation in Alaska.

We feel strongly that SB 165 should move forward with the provision to change 04.06.020 Board Composition included, because:

- The items in SB 165 have already achieved consensus with the stakeholder group, and represent just the first step in a comprehensive package of changes to Title 4 that as a whole will result in a better system of alcohol regulation for all Alaskans. The changes to ABC Board composition and underage drinking penalties are simply too important to wait for another session.
- The items in SB 165 can also be implemented now, without impacting the remainder of proposed changes to Title 4, which we continue to refine and still intend to bring forward as a comprehensive package next year.
- The discussions had during our process and the resulting proposed change to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board helped to shape the newly-formed Marijuana Control Board. Updating Title 4 will help both of these boards work in parallel with the state's Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office.

Thank you again for your consideration of Senate Bill 165, and we look forward to Monday's committee hearing.

Sincerely,



Bob Klein
Co-chair
Title 4 Review Steering Committee



Jeff Jessee
Co-chair



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February 10, 2016

Senator Peter Micciche
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Sent via email: Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov

Dear Senator Micciche,

On behalf of the Mat-Su Health Foundation, thank you for introducing Senate Bill 165 to revise portions of Title 4, the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. The changes the bill will make to Alaska Law can positively impact what is undeniably one of the largest health problems facing our state – alcohol abuse.

We support SB 165 because it ensures that the Alcohol Beverage Control Board fairly represents the interests of all Alaskans by designating seats for public safety and public health, and retaining seats for industry representatives and rural Alaskans. SB165 also revises laws related to underage drinking, which serves to promote consistent enforcement while also giving young people who do make the mistake of underage drinking an incentive to complete an alcohol education program.

A number of health care issues, and their corresponding costs, are associated with alcohol abuse. There were 41,000 days of hospital care attributed to alcohol-related incidents in Alaska in 2010, with an estimated cost of \$2,545 per day for care. Alcohol is the third leading root cause of preventable death in the United States, and Alaska's mortality rates for alcohol are among the highest in the nation (Pezzolessi, 2009; Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, n.d.). From 2007 to 2009, the Mat-Su chronic liver death rate was 7.4 per 100,000 persons, and the poisoning death rate was 20 per 100,000. In total, according to a State of Alaska analysis, between the years 2005 and 2009, the alcohol-induced death rate for the borough was 11.8 deaths per 100,000, or roughly 11 alcohol-induced deaths per year.

The Mat-Su Health Foundation is a partner in Recover Alaska, which has been involved in a four-year process initiated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to engage a diverse group of more than 70 stakeholders to determine how to improve the structure, organization, specific policies and associated implementation issues in Title 4. SB165 is a strong first step in allowing this to happen. Thank you for supporting this multi-year effort of the statewide stakeholder group, and specifically the priority items brought forward for consideration this year.

Sincerely,

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February 16, 2016

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Dear Senator Micciche:

On behalf of Providence Health & Services Alaska, I wish to convey the organization's endorsement of Senate Bill 165 (SB165). One of the major factors of demand for health care and its related costs is alcohol abuse in Alaska. Efforts to contain its adverse impacts will benefit Alaskans in countless ways.

Thank you for introducing SB165 to revise portions of Title 4, the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. Recover Alaska has been involved with the four-year process initiated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to engage a diverse group of more than 70 stakeholders to determine how to improve the structure, organization, specific policies and associated implementation issues in Title 4. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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Bruce Lamoureux
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Senator Mia Costello
Cynthia Franklin, Director, Alcoholic & Marijuana Control Office
Bob Klein, Chair, ABC Board



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Dear Senator Micciche:

I offer Rasmuson Foundation's unqualified endorsement and support for Senate Bill 165, the Title 4 rewrite of state statutes related to ABC Board composition and Minor Consuming.

Rasmuson Foundation has for years invested in programs and facilities that offer sanctuary to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, child abuse and neglect, to the homeless and the hopeless. Recently, we have turned our attention "upstream" to identify and address root causes of social problems. The overconsumption of alcohol has an irrefutably high correlation with many of the state's most difficult issues. Title 4 review and rewrite is one of the key strategies of this important upstream work, and Senate Bill 165 is an important first step in addressing and updating our state's outdated, confusing or otherwise ineffective alcohol laws.

Senate Bill 165 is the product of a four-year process initiated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to engage a diverse group of more than 70 stakeholders 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.

As the ABC Board enters the fifth year of its Title 4 review process, stakeholders have identified several areas that currently benefit from broad support and can have immediate impacts this year. The changes recommended in SB165 are supported by the ABC Board and have been vetted by dozens of industry, public health and public safety representatives. We urge the legislature to move forward with:

- 1) Changes to the ABC Board Composition to increase representation from public health and public safety; and,

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- 2) Rework the Minor Consuming statutes to restore offenses to true violations in 2016.

As you know, finding consensus across the board is often a challenge. To that end, there are several other areas within Title 4 that can benefit from additional review and refinement. We remain committed to finding broad consensus among stakeholders regarding licensing, internet sales and local option. The Title 4 Review Steering Committee plans to bring forward recommendations in these additional areas in time for consideration in 2017. In the meantime, I hope all members of the 29th Alaska State Legislature will support this pair of discrete recommendations, which are products of a significant multi-year effort.

Thank you again for your sponsorship of SB165. I respectfully request expeditious review and approval of this critically important and timely legislation this session. I am available to answer any questions raised by your colleagues in the Alaska State Legislature.

Regards,



Diane Kaplan
President & CEO

Cc: Sen. Kevin Meyer, President, Alaska State Senate
Sen. Mia Costello, Chair, Senate Labor & Commerce
Committee
Sen. Lesil McGuire, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Mr. Bob Klein, Chair, ABC Board

February 10, 2016

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Dear Senator Micciche:

Recover Alaska is a multi-sector action group working to reduce the harm caused by excessive alcohol consumption in Alaska. Our vision is to recover, reclaim, and restore the strengths of Alaska's families and communities. Partners include Rasmuson Foundation, The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Mat-Su Health Foundation, Providence Alaska, Southcentral Foundation, and the State of Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services.

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Sincerely,

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3/8/2016

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Dear Senator Micciche:

I am a member of the Seward Prevention Coalition working to reduce underage drinking and drug use in our community. I am also the Director of Seward Parks & Recreation for the City of Seward, but I am writing this personally.

I am asking you to support Senate Bill 165 (SB165) to revise portions of Title 4, the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. This Bill is the first product of a four-year process initiated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to engage a diverse group of more than 70 stakeholders 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.

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Thank you for tackling this important leadership. Please keep our voices in mind as the SB moves through the various committees. Please alert us when significant changes are proposed, so we can unite to maintain the integrity of these revisions.

Sincerely,
Karin Sturdy, Member, Seward Prevention Coalition

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Presley, Member
Seward Prevention Coalition