

Senator Bjorkman
Chair, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

April 22, 2025

IN RE: SB170 – A Statement in Support

Dear Sen. Bjorkman:

On behalf of Diamond Game, a charity gaming manufacturer providing electronic pull tabs and similar products across North America, as well as our sister companies that have 40+ years' experience providing charity gaming products, such as pull tabs, bingo paper, electronics and daubers, to Alaska and North America, we support SB 170. While no piece of legislation will please all parties 100%, SB 170 is a well-crafted bill that addresses all the significant issues surrounding electronic pull tabs in an even-handed manner.

We support this bill because electronic pull tabs on a tablet will help charity gaming stay relevant in today's video age, generating incremental revenue for charities and local businesses.

Much of the discussion last year surrounding electronic pull tabs was not whether electronic pull tabs would be good for charities, but whether the form of electronic pull tabs should be slot-like cabinets, handheld tablets, or both. Between legislative sessions, a committee of Alaska charity gaming stakeholders was formed to study the subject and that committee voted for a tablets-only approach to electronic pull tabs. We support the committee's position.

We believe the committee's rationale for tablets-only includes the following arguments, which are supported by our experience in other markets:

- Tablet electronics have proven to be complementary and incremental to existing pull tab fundraising.
 - In Minnesota, traditional pull tab gross sales increased 100%, from \$1,054,000,000 in 2013 to \$2,048,000,000 in 2024, while electronic pull tab tablet gross sales grew from \$0 to \$2,670,000,000 over the same period, proving that electronics can be complementary and incremental to existing charity gaming.
 - Cabinet electronic pull tabs, on the other hand, have proven to cannibalize paper pull tab sales in numerous markets.

- Tablets will generate significant incremental revenue for Alaska charities and other stakeholders while:
 - Not looking like a slot machine or creating mini-casinos across Alaska
 - Not cannibalizing paper pull tab sales
 - Giving all stakeholders a fair and even opportunity to participate in electronic pull tabs, regardless of location size or type. (Note that a choice between cabinets and tablets is a false choice as cabinets will quickly dominate the market and put sites without the space for cabinets at a disadvantage.)

Thank you for sponsoring this important piece of legislation in support of charity gaming.

Sincerely,



Bill Breslo

Subject: SB170/HB386: A Modern Way to Grow Charitable Funding

Dear Legislator,

Veteran service organizations use charitable pull-tab proceeds to provide direct support—help with basic needs, peer connection, and local events that reduce isolation for veterans and their families.

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Respectfully,

Name: Alan Moquin

Post: 10041

City: Bethel

Date: 5-1-26

Subject: Please Vote Yes on SB170 & HB386 to Help Veterans

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Name: Alex Brown So Vice Cdc



Post: 9785 Castle River

City: Castle River

Date: 2 MAY 26

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Name: Buck Bukowski

Post: 10041

City: Beckel, Alaska

Date: 5-2-26

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Name: Charles Collins

Post: 10221

City: Anchor Pt

Date: 5-2-20

Subject: SB170 & HB386 Strengthen Nonprofit Support for Veterans

Dear Legislator,

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Respectfully,

Name: DAN GARCIA

Post: 1685

City: ANCHORAGE,

Date: 2 MAY 26

Subject: Support SB170 & HB386—Veterans Benefit from Charitable Gaming

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Thank you for your consideration,

Name: Dana Becker

Post: 10682

City: Glennallen

Date: 5/2/20

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Name: ELEONORE J. LAWSON

Post: 1685

City: ANCH. AK

Date: 2 MAY 2026

Subject: Modernizing Pull-Tabs Keeps Veteran Services Strong

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Post: 1685

City: Anchorage

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Name: Frederick Bacon

Post: 3629

City: Fairbanks

Date: 30 Apr 26

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frederick Bacon", is written over a horizontal line at the bottom of the page.

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Name: GARY GIBSON

Post: 1685

City: ANCHORAGE

Date: 2 May 26

Subject: Keep Veteran Support Local—Pass SB170 & HB386

Dear Legislator,

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Sincerely,

Name: GEORGE KIRCHNER

Post: 3629

City: FAIRBANKS

Date: 4-30-2024

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Name: Gordon Severson

Post: 1685

City: Anchorage

Date: 5/2/26

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Name: HERSCHEL DEATON

Post: 9785

City: ETHEL RIVER

Date: 2 MAY 2026

Subject: SB170 & HB386 Strengthen Nonprofit Support for Veterans

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Name: Jessica Ahvakana

Post: 9365 Auxiliary

City: Wasilla

Date: 5/1/2026

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Post: 3629

City: Fairbanks

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Name: John Pecic

Post: 3627

City: Fairbanks

Date: 30 Apr 2026

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Thank you for your consideration,

Name: Janet R. [Signature]

Post: 20

City: Soldotna

Date: 4-30-26

Subject: E-tabs Are a Smart Update for Alaska Charities

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Name: Jeremy Copeland

Post: 3629

City: Fairbanks

Date: 4/30/26

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Post: 1685

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Name: Kelton Mary

Post: 9785

City: Eagle River

Date: 5/1/20

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Name: Ken Speegle & Speegle

Post: 9785

City: Eagle River

Date: 30 April 2020

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Name: Lorraine Roehl

Post: Weldon M. Rucker VFW Post 10029

City: North Pole, AK 99705

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Name: Michael H. Michaelly

Post: 9785

City: Eagle River

Date: 1 May 2026

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Name: Michael R. Cassidy

Post: 10450

City: Delta Jct Alaska

Date: May 2, 2026

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Name: Robert Sherrill

Post: 9785

City: Eagle River

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Name: SUSAN M. JUST

Post: Amvets 49

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Name:

JIM NEWMAN

Post:

3836

City:

TALKEETNA, AK

Date:

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Post: 1685

City: Anchorage

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Post: 9978

City: ANCHORAGE. AK

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Post: POST 3629

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Name: Wesley M. Rath

Post: 3836 Ta

City: Talkeetna

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Sincerely,

Name: Barry Tidler

Business: Barry's Bar and lounge

City: Anchorage

Date: 5/1/26

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Name: Eric Wigginton

Business: Center Bowl / The Game Room

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Business: Pioneer Bar

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Name: Kelly Ross

Business: ~~XXXXXX~~ Pioneer Bar

Date: 5/1/26

Subject: Please Vote Yes on SB 170 to Modernize Pull-Tabs

Dear Legislators,

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Name: Natasha Henderson

Business: Blarney Stone

City: Anchorage, AK

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Sincerely,

Name: Rosetta Demiceli

Business: Blue Fox Lounge & Restaurant

City: Anchorage

Date: April 29, 2026

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Name: VLU FERATI

Business: Fen O'Hara

City: Anchorage

Date: 5/1/26

Konrad Jackson

From: Evan Kutta <evan@curlfairbanks.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 03, 2026 9:29 PM
Subject: Alaskan nonprofits

Since 1905, the Fairbanks Curling Club has helped Alaskans learn, play, compete, and build community through the sport of curling. As Alaska's oldest organized sports group, our nonprofit depends on charitable gaming revenue to support youth and adult programs, local competitions, public events, and access to curling in Fairbanks. Please support SB170 and HB386 and help protect this important funding source for Alaska nonprofits like ours.

Thank you,
Evan Kutta

Konrad Jackson

From: Kendra Folsom <kml0432@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 11:29 AM
Subject: Please Support SB170 & HB386

To our Alaska Senators,

Our nonprofit, Fairbanks Snowmobile Fun Lions Club in Fairbanks Alaska, depends on charitable gaming revenue to support our mission.

We are a local youth non-profit that provides snowmachine racing in interior Alaska to kids ages 4-17. We have used gaming revenue to build our clubhouse, a warm place for kids and families to warm up in the dead of winter. Purchased a snow cat to groom our snocross track quickly and easily. Built an enclosure for our snow cat to keep it safe from Alaskan weather. We have more plans in the future to help improve our club, and without gaming funds, it would be extremely difficult to reach our goals

Please support SB170 and HB386 and help protect this important funding source for Alaska nonprofits.

Thank you
Kendra Folsom
907-388-5195

Konrad Jackson

From: KPHA Director <KPHAdirector@kpha907.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 11:01 AM
Subject: Please Support SB170 and HB386 to Protect Alaska Nonprofits

Dear Legislator,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Kenai Peninsula Hockey Association, a nonprofit youth hockey association serving families across the Kenai Peninsula. Our organization provides opportunities for children and teens—from learn-to-skate programs to competitive hockey opportunities for athletes—to build skills, confidence, teamwork, and lifelong healthy habits through the sport of hockey.

We serve hundreds of local families each year, and our goal is to ensure that every child who wants to play hockey has the opportunity to do so, regardless of financial circumstances. Hockey is an expensive sport, especially in Alaska, where travel costs, ice time, equipment, and operational expenses continue to rise.

Charitable gaming revenue plays an important role in helping us keep our programs affordable and accessible. These funds help offset costs such as ice rental, scholarships for families in need, equipment support, travel expenses, and program development. Without this funding source, families would likely face higher registration fees, reduced scholarship opportunities, and fewer programming options for youth in our community.

For many of our players, hockey is more than just a sport—it provides mentorship, structure, friendships, and a positive environment that keeps kids active and engaged. It also brings together families from communities across the Peninsula and creates opportunities that might not otherwise exist in our area.

If charitable gaming revenue is reduced or lost, the impact on our nonprofit—and many others across Alaska—would be significant. We may be forced to cut programs, limit access for families, and reduce opportunities for youth development in our community.

Please support **SB170 and HB386** to help protect this critical funding source for Alaska nonprofits like ours. Your support helps ensure organizations like ours can continue serving Alaska's youth and strengthening our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jamie Larsen

KPHA Director



Alaska Dog Mushers Association



PO Box 70662* Fairbanks, Alaska 99707*(907) 460-MUSH
info@alaskadogmushers.com www.alaskadogmushers.com

February 18, 2026

Dear Senators Hoffman, Olson, Stedman, Merrick, Kiehl, Kaufman, and Cronk:

The Alaska Dog Mushers Association respectfully writes in support of the proposed changes to SB 170. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit club, we rely heavily on our Gaming Permit (1133) to sustain our operations and community programming.

Founded in 1953, we are one of the oldest dog mushing clubs in Alaska and host multiple sprint races in Fairbanks each winter, including the Open North American Sled Dog Championship, widely known as the "Granddaddy" of them all. This year marks the 80th running of this historic event.

In addition to maintaining our Musher's Hall facility, gaming revenues are essential to covering the costs associated with hosting races, maintaining trails, supporting volunteers, and ensuring the long-term stability of our club. Currently, more than one-third of our operating budget is derived from gaming proceeds. A loss or reduction of this funding would significantly impact our ability to continue offering races and programming at their current level.

Without these funds, we would likely be forced to scale back or eliminate some events that serve as key attractions for winter tourism in the Fairbanks area and contribute to the local economy and cultural heritage of Alaska.

We understand that policy changes take time, and we support thoughtful improvements to existing systems. We appreciate your consideration and continued support of organizations like ours that preserve Alaska's traditions while serving our communities.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

Shannon L. Erhart
Alaska Dog Mushers Association, Inc. Vice-President



With Spirit and Strength

February 23, 2026

The Honorable Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc., a licensed Multiple Beneficiary Permit (MBP) charitable gaming organization, we are writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 170 (SB 170), along with several recommended enhancements that would strengthen the bill and better support charitable gaming statewide.

Charitable gaming is a vital funding source for nonprofit organizations across Alaska. Revenue from pull-tabs and bingo supports youth sports, scholarships, veterans' programs, senior services, community events, and essential local initiatives. These programs significantly ease the burden on government by providing services and financial support that might otherwise require public funding. The purpose of charitable gaming is to maximize proceeds to charities and reinvest those dollars directly back into the communities they serve.

Over the past five years, the cost of paper gaming products has increased dramatically. Paper pull-tabs, bingo paper, ink, freight, rent, labor, utilities, and compliance costs have all risen sharply due to inflation and supply chain pressures. While a normal business could simply increase the price of its product to reflect inflation — like raising the price of a \$1 burger to \$2 — charitable gaming does not function that way.

We cannot simply change the price of a \$1 pull-tab to \$2 while keeping the same \$1 payout structure. No player would reasonably participate in a game where the cost doubles but the prize structure remains the same. Pull-tab pricing and payout structures are tightly regulated and interconnected. Without statutory flexibility to adjust denominations and prize limits together, we are unable to respond to economic realities the way other businesses can.

Currently:

- We cannot raise the price of a \$1 pull-tab.
- We are limited to \$2 denominations and cannot offer higher-priced options.
- The maximum payout per ticket remains capped at \$500 — a limit unchanged in over 20 years.
- Total payouts are capped per charity under statute.

While a \$2 million payout cap per MBP charity may sound substantial, today's operating costs consume a far greater share of revenue than when these limits were established. Increasing volume is not a realistic solution because we operate within statutory caps. As costs rise and flexibility remains limited, charitable margins continue to shrink.

SB 170 provides a responsible modernization pathway, particularly through electronic pull-tab systems that can reduce paper dependency and improve operational efficiency. However, we respectfully suggest the following additional updates to ensure the bill benefits the entire charitable gaming industry — not just the largest operators:

- Allow \$5 pull-tab denominations.
- Increase the maximum payout per pull-tab ticket to \$1,000.
- Establish a balanced promotional giveaway cap of \$30,000 per month.

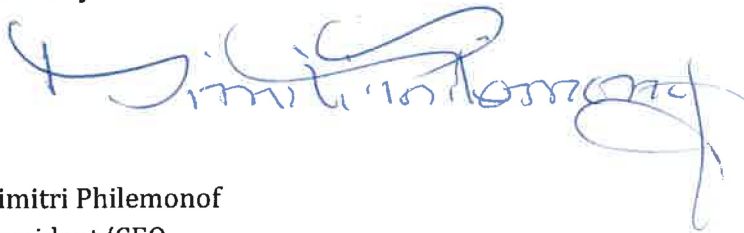
We agree that a \$20,000 monthly promotional cap may be too restrictive in today's market. However, a \$50,000 cap is excessive and risks encouraging another promotional escalation cycle similar to what occurred in the past — a promotional war that reduced charitable proceeds and benefited very few. A \$30,000 cap represents a reasonable middle ground that allows meaningful promotions while protecting smaller operators and preserving funds for charitable distribution.

These recommended adjustments follow the proven Minnesota charitable gaming model, which has been successfully operating for a number of years with higher denominations and increased prize limits while maintaining strong regulatory oversight. Minnesota's experience demonstrates that modernization, responsible prize flexibility, and industry stability can coexist and ultimately strengthen charitable returns to communities.

Our objective is sustainability, fairness, and maximizing revenue to charities across Alaska. Modernization should ensure that organizations of all sizes can continue operating and supporting their communities.

We respectfully urge your support of SB 170 and thoughtful consideration of these balanced enhancements to ensure charitable gaming remains strong, competitive, and focused on its mission.

Sincerely,



Dimitri Philemonof
President/CEO

From: [Buckets Sports Grill Email Acct](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please Support SB 170
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:46:20 PM

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Profit margins in the restaurant/beer&wine business are slim and our business is under pressure from rising costs. SB 170 will allow electronic pull-tabs, which will give us another product to offer our customers. Not only will it help our business, it will modernize charitable gaming, making it easier for us to participate in, and increase revenue to charities.

This bill represents a positive step forward for Alaska's economy and charitable community. I urge you to support SB 170.

Sincerely,

Alan Wills
Buckets Sports Grill
Soldotna, Alaska



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Subject: Letter of Support for SB 170

Dear Members of the Alaska State Senate Finance Committee,

On behalf of Alaska CHARR and its Government Affairs Committee, we write to express our strong support for SB 170 as currently written and to thank you for scheduling the bill for a hearing.

SB 170 provides important updates and clarifications to Alaska's gaming statutes, including provisions related to bingo, pull-tabs, and electronic pull-tab systems. For many hospitality businesses across the state, charitable gaming is an integral part of their operations and a meaningful way to support nonprofit partners and community initiatives. A clear, modern, and workable statutory framework is *essential* for both compliance and long-term business stability.

As written, SB 170 strikes an appropriate balance between maintaining regulatory oversight and allowing businesses and charitable organizations to operate efficiently and responsibly. Clear and consistent rules surrounding electronic pull-tab systems and related gaming activities reduce uncertainty, support lawful operations, and help ensure continued economic and charitable benefits in communities throughout Alaska.

Alaska's hospitality industry continues to face significant economic pressures. Providing regulatory clarity in areas that directly affect day-to-day operations is a practical and meaningful step forward. We appreciate the Committee's willingness to hear this legislation and respectfully urge favorable consideration.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to Alaska's business community. Alaska CHARR stands ready to provide testimony or additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

Paul Thomas, Board Chair, Alaska CHARR

Michael Cervantes, Chair, Alaska CHARR Government Affairs Committee



From: [Chevy Sharlow](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: support for SB170
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:44:58 PM

I am writing in support of SB170, including the expansion of pull tabs to allow tablet versions in licensed establishments. As the manager of a hotel and two restaurants, I have seen how charitable gaming strengthens partnerships with local nonprofits while drawing guests into our business.

Pull tabs provide meaningful funding for community organizations and offer regulated, responsible entertainment. Expanding to tablet versions would modernize the program while continuing to benefit local charities and small businesses.

I respectfully urge your support of SB170.

Sincerely,

Chevy Sharlow

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From: [Henry's Alaska](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fwd: SB 170 - Action Needed
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:42:54 PM

I agree with all of these sample letters.
I've been selling pull tabs since 1988 helping several non profits.
Paper pull tabs have gone up in price greatly reducing the net profits, with no end in sight.
Several times in the past we have been promised options but none were ever provided.
This solution would help the non profits a great deal
thanks for the opportunity to speak to you.
Raymond LeGrue
Henry's Great Alaskan Restaurant
Kodiak, Alaska
established in 1957

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Portland Sarantopoulos** <psarantopoulos@alaskacharr.ccsend.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 3:12 PM
Subject: SB 170 - Action Needed
To: <henrysalaska@gmail.com>



SB 170 - Action Needed!

Senate Bill 170 is scheduled for invited testimony tomorrow, **Tuesday, February 24** at 9:00am.

SB 170 is, "An Act relating to gaming; relating to bingo; relating to pull-tabs and electronic pull-tab systems; and providing for an effective date."

We ***strongly encourage*** you to send written testimony to the Senate Finance Committee in support of this bill. We recommend sending this by the end of today to ensure it is received prior to the start of tomorrow's hearing.

Below are five examples of emails that you can send to the Senate Finance Committee in support of SB 170. Please feel free to use these as is or change to reflect your own voice.

Letters of support can be **emailed** directly to the Senate Finance Committee (sfin@akleg.gov).

Alaska CHARR's **Government Affairs Committee** works to evaluate member's concerns, needs and input. If you have areas of concern, please get a hold of the CHARR office or a GAC member so we can address your issue.

Sample Emails

Email 1 - bar owner

Subject: Support SB 170 to Strengthen Alaska's Small Businesses and Charities

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As the owner of a small neighborhood bar in [City], I am writing to express my support for SB 170. Pull-tabs are an important part of our business and help us partner with local charities that depend on this revenue. Expanding pull-tabs to include electronic tablet pull-tabs will help increase overall participation and generate more funds for the non-profits we proudly support.

The Minnesota model has shown that electronic pull-tabs grow revenue for both electronic and traditional paper games, benefiting everyone involved, including the state. This legislation is truly a rising tide that lifts all boats. SB 170 will help small businesses like mine remain viable while increasing support for Alaska's charities and public revenue. I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Business Name]
[City], Alaska

Email 2 - restaurant/bar owner

Subject: Please Support SB 170

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,
Our restaurant and lounge relies on pull-tab activity as an important part of our

business, and it also helps generate essential funds for local charitable partners. SB 170 will allow electronic pull-tabs, which will help modernize charitable gaming and increase overall revenue.

States like Minnesota have seen growth in both electronic and paper pull-tab sales after allowing e-tabs. This means more revenue for charities, more support for local businesses, and more revenue for the state. This bill represents a positive step forward for Alaska's economy and charitable community. I urge you to support SB 170.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Business Name]
[City], Alaska

Email 3 - restaurant/bar owner – doesn't sell pull tabs currently

Subject: Please Support SB 170

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Profit margins in the restaurant/bar business are slim and our business is under pressure from rising costs. SB 170 will allow electronic pull-tabs, which will give us another product to offer our customers. Not only will it help our business, it will modernize charitable gaming, making it easier for us to participate in, and increase revenue to charities.

This bill represents a positive step forward for Alaska's economy and charitable community. I urge you to support SB 170.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Business Name]
[City], Alaska

Email 4 – Family-Owned business

Subject: Support for SB 170

Dear Senate Finance Committee members,
Our family-owned tavern depends on pull-tab activity as part of our overall business, and we are proud to support local non-profits that benefit from this revenue. SB 170 will allow electronic pull-tabs, which will increase revenue opportunities for both businesses and charitable partners.

Minnesota's experience shows that electronic pull-tabs increase revenue across the board, including traditional paper pull-tabs. This bill will help strengthen small businesses like ours, increase funding for charities, and provide additional revenue for the state. Please support SB 170.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Business Name]
[City], Alaska

Email 5 – Business Owner

Subject: Please Vote Yes on SB 170

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Our hospitality business depends on pull-tab revenue as part of our overall operation, and we value the partnerships we have with charitable organizations. SB 170 will allow electronic pull-tabs in the form of tablets which will help increase revenue potential and modernize charitable gaming in Alaska. Many of our younger patrons prefer an electronic option to the traditional paper pull-tabs. We are failing our charities and businesses by not allowing industry modernization. The time is now!

Other states like Minnesota have demonstrated that this approach increases revenue for both electronic and traditional paper pull-tabs, benefiting charities, businesses, and the state. This bill is a rising tide that lifts all boats and will help ensure continued economic stability for small businesses like ours. I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Business Name]
[City], Alaska

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From: [Sunrise Inn](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Please Support SB 170
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:43:52 PM

Subject: Support SB 170 to Strengthen Alaska's Small Businesses and Charities

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As the owner of a small neighborhood bar in Cooper Landing, I am writing to express my support for SB 170. Pull-tabs are an important part of our business and help us partner with local charities that depend on this revenue. Expanding pull-tabs to include electronic tablet pull-tabs will help increase overall participation and generate more funds for the non-profits we proudly support. As a smaller bar with only one bartender working at a time, electronic pull-tabs would simplify the process of selling pull-tabs and relieve the burden on the bartender to count out pull-tabs and focus on serving and watching the other patrons.

The Minnesota model has shown that electronic pull-tabs grow revenue for both electronic and traditional paper games, benefiting everyone involved, including the state. This legislation is truly a rising tide that lifts all boats. SB 170 will help small businesses like mine remain viable while increasing support for Alaska's charities and public revenue. I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

Alan Wills
Sunrise Inn
Cooper Landing, Alaska

From: [Laura Peterkin](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support SB 170 to Strengthen Alaska's Small Businesses and Charities
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:41:24 PM

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As the owner of the airport bar in Kenai, I am writing to express my support for SB 170. Pull-tabs are an important part of our business and help us partner with local charities that depend on this revenue. Expanding pull-tabs to include electronic tablet pull-tabs will help increase overall participation and generate more funds for the non-profits we proudly support. We believe that etabs will supplement our charitable gaming as an addition to the already in place paper pull tabs.

The Minnesota model has shown that electronic pull-tabs grow revenue for both electronic and traditional paper games, benefiting everyone involved, including the state. This legislation is truly a rising tide that lifts all boats. SB 170 will help small businesses like mine remain viable while increasing support for Alaska's charities and public revenue. I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

Laura Peterkin

**Upper Deck Lounge
305 N. Willow St.
Kenai, AK 99611**

February 21, 2026

Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Committee:

Across Alaska, veteran organizations quietly do the work that keeps communities stronger, often without recognition and always without complaint. From maintaining local posts to supporting neighbors in need, that work depends on practical, common-sense laws.

Our VFW, American Legion and AMVETS Posts are more than meeting halls. They are places where veterans connect, support one another, and organize service projects that strengthen entire communities. From food drives and emergency assistance to mental health outreach and veteran rehabilitation programs, our work reaches far beyond our membership.

A critical part of how we sustain that work is through charitable gaming, a longstanding tradition at veteran posts throughout the state. However, our laws are not keeping pace with technology. Currently, 13 states allow the use of modern electronic pull tabs for veteran fundraising. We have seen firsthand how electronic pull tabs have pumped life into veteran organizations and the communities they serve. The results are extraordinary.

The funds generated through charitable gaming are essential to keeping many posts open. They help cover basic operating costs like insurance, utilities, and facility maintenance. Without those revenues, many posts would have to shut their doors. Electronic pull tabs will ensure generational sustainability by attracting new members and increasing engagement with existing members.

More importantly, through our veteran organizations, charitable gaming proceeds help support community health initiatives, provide assistance to under-resourced local programs, and fund veteran-focused therapeutic services, including programs that address mental health and post-service transition challenges. These are not abstract ideas; they are tangible efforts that improve lives across Alaska every day.

Charitable gaming also provides something less visible but just as important: connection. For many veterans, especially older or retired service members, these activities offer a sense of belonging and purpose. These social connections are accessible, social, and therapeutic, while also supporting the mission of their posts and their communities.

Authorization of electronic pull tabs is not an expansion of gaming. It is a modernization of an existing form of gaming, housed within the same regulatory framework and with the same restrictions. We support the same low stakes and low prizes that exist today with paper pull tabs.

Supporting veterans means more than thanking them for past service. It means removing unnecessary barriers that stand in the way of their continued contribution.

We ask that you stand with Alaska's veterans and support the modernization of charitable gaming by supporting electronic pull tab legislation. Electronic pull tabs will ensure several veteran organizations in Alaska can keep their doors open, our missions strong, and our commitment to service moving forward.

Thank you for your commitment to veterans and for your support of electronic pull tab legislation.

Sincerely,

Veterans of Foreign Wars

American Legion

AMVETS

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