



March 2, 2016

The Honorable Representative Kurt Olson
House Labor & Commerce Committee Chairman
Alaska House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol, Room 216
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Support of SB 157 – Product Warranties & Required Updates

Representative Olson:

The Alaska Chamber supports the current version of Senate Bill 157, an act defining arcade-style amusement devices.

The Chamber is an organization dedicated to improving the business environment in Alaska. The Chamber represents hundreds of businesses from Ketchikan to Barrow that share a common goal – to make Alaska a viable and competitive place to do business. Senate Bill 157 would provide the clarity needed to current Alaska statute to allow restaurants featuring arcade-style amusement games to operate lawfully in Alaska. Right now that means giving an entity like Dave & Busters, who are looking to open a location in the Dimond Center Mall in Anchorage, the confidence to move forward. The opening of this location will provide a much needed injection of money into the local economy through the construction and operation of this type of restaurant.

Giving businesses like Dave and Busters the certainty that they are operating fully within the scope of the law is important in order to incentivize them, and similar businesses, to come to Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Curtis W. Thayer', is written over a horizontal line.

Curtis W. Thayer
President and CEO

CC:

Representative Shelley Hughes
Representative Jim Colver
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux
Representative Cathy Tilton
Representative Andy Josephson
Representative Sam Kito