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Senator Bishop:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee regarding HB 75. Please find below the comments of the Mayor's Office regarding the current draft of the bill:

1. Marijuana clubs – FNSB likes this language, wants to be able to have some sort of consumption venue and regulate it at the local level. (version UA, addressed in sections 9, 18, 22, 23)
2. Section 15 changes the language of the initiative with respect to registrations issued by the municipality should the state miss its deadlines. Where the initiative said that a local license issued in lieu of a state license, that license would be good for a year and would *not* be subject to state regulation. Now the provision says that such a registration *is* subject to state regulation. This appears to be directly contrary to the initiative language and intent.
 - a. Scenario of a local business obtaining a license from the municipality and the state enacting regulations a month later and making the local business subject to those new regulations.
3. HB 75 makes the initiative powers non-areawide (version UA, section 18), FNSB would like to see these powers as areawide or at least that a city within a borough can be *more* restrictive than the borough but not less restrictive with respect to commercial facilities.
 - a. An argument for areawide is that the borough will be the entity exercising the zoning authority, which really goes hand-in-hand with the regulation of time/place/manner/number contemplated by the initiative.

Best,

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