
From: Paul J Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:42 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: testimony in support of sb52
Attachments: sb 52 support for H Fin.pdf

Testimony missed because of canceled meeting on the 26th

Thank you
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From: Doran Powell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:40 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 52 Title 4

HB 52 is expanding the rights of distilleries to become defacto beverage Dispensaries. If they want to be a bar, go buy a license like everyone else. We are opposed.

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From: Joshua Broda <josh@settlersbaylodge.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:04 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Senate Bill 52 (rewrite of Title 04)

Senate,

Please consider the following regarding the Senate Bill 52 (rewrite title 04)

- SB 52 is the product of over eight years of stakeholder engagement, compromise, and consensus between all parties, including public health, public safety, state and local governments, and all three tiers of the industry.
- This is the first year that all three tiers of the industry have supported a Title 04 rewrite bill.
- I support the current version of SB 52, even though I do not get everything that I want in the bill, as it represents true compromise amongst all stakeholders.
- This bill will save my business time and money by streamlining application processes that are currently cumbersome and archaic.
- SB 52 will restructure existing penalties to make most of them true violations with civil fines rather than criminal penalties, which will help ensure clear, consistent, and appropriate enforcement of Title 04.
- This bill will help protect my license and my business with the addition of endorsements, which would enable a ABC Board to suspend specific privileges of the license without having to suspend or revoke my business operations entirely.
- The current version of SB 52 will provide clear expectations, privileges, and restrictions for ALL license types – including manufacturing licenses – which will help improve statewide compliance and create consistency in enforcement, which has been lacking for some time. Additionally, I will be able to better read and understand the laws and how to comply with them without having to hire expensive attorneys to decipher them for me.
- I am extremely concerned about how COVID-19 will affect Alaska's hospitality industry for the long term. SB 52 provides some security and hope for the future of my business and our industry during these extremely challenging times.

I respectfully request that you pass the current version of this bill expeditiously and without amendments.

Respectfully,

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March 26, 2020

Members of the Alaska State House Finance Committee,

I am a third-generation licensee, I currently hold a Package Store License and my sister has a Beverage Dispensary License (BDL) for The Triangle Club in Downtown Juneau. My family has held these licenses since the 1940s; I have seen how this industry has evolved over the years. I have been involved in the process of rewriting Title 4 since the beginning. I believe that SB52, in its current state, best captures the direction the industry is headed today.

SB52, as you see it today, is the product of over eight years of stakeholder engagement, which included members from public health, public safety, state and municipal regulatory bodies, and all three tiers of the industry coming to a consensus. I believe SB52 is ready to move forward without the difficulties seen in previous sessions.

Is this the perfect fit for my business? No, there are several things I would change to be in my best interest as a package store licensee, but that is the point. If I was a bar owner, restaurant owner (REPL), manufacturer, recreation site/sporting event licensee, Public Safety officer, or a Health and Social Services worker I would have a different list for each position to change this to my best interest and there would be lots of conflicts between those lists. The point is that after eight years of working on this, it not a special interest bill looking at things from only one point of view. Stakeholders from all of those groups have sculpted the bill before you today; each group has put their fingerprint on this bill and in turn gotten something while accepting other items they maybe don't like to produce this bill which is good for the industry and the public as a whole. This bill will give the industry a solid base to grow from while protecting the public.

If there is one thing that the hospitality industry needs right now it's a clear concise set of rules to give them security and confidence to open their doors back up. Passing this bill will help to offer our industry the confidence to continue forward after recent statewide mandatory closures, followed by a heavily compromised tour season. Let the industry know that there is hope for the them, as a whole, with all of its parts, by having the foresight to move this bill through knowing that it is right in its current form for the industry as a whole.

Please respect the work and compromises that have been put in this bill over eight years with thousands of hours put in by stakeholders and legislators. Preserve the balance that has finally been achieved this year and pass this bill out of committee without changes, giving it the chance to make it to completion this year, a year with many challenges for all of us.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Thomas
President / CEO