

**HB**

**68**

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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Sponsor Representative Rokeberg  
Requester House Judiciary Committee Component No. 2213

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Passage of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Law.

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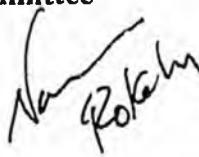
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### Representative Norman Rokeberg

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#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable John Cowdery, Chairman  
Senate Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Rep. Norman Rokeberg 

**DATE:** January 30, 2002

**RE:** HB 68

I would request that HB 68 be scheduled for a hearing before your committee.

Attached are the following:

1. CSSH B 68 (JUD)(efd am)
2. Sponsor Statement which covers the intent of the legislation
3. Sectional Analysis
4. Fiscal Note
5. Support documents

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 68(JUD)(efd am)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 1/22/02**

**Offered: 4/20/01**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE ROKEBERG**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to accidents involving the vehicle of a person under the influence of an**  
2 **alcoholic beverage; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 09.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 09.65.280. Damages resulting from driving the vehicle of a person**  
6 **under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. (a)** A person is not liable for personal  
7 **injury, death, or property damage resulting from a motor vehicle accident if the person**  
8 **was driving a vehicle involved in the accident and**

9 (1) before the accident, started driving the vehicle involved in the  
10 accident from or near licensed premises;

11 (2) is, at the time of the accident, a person employed to or under  
12 contract to drive a taxicab or limousine, a taxicab or limousine owner, a holder of a  
13 taxicab or limousine permit issued by a municipality, or an owner or employee of a  
14 company that dispatches taxicabs or limousines;

1 (3) was not ~~under~~ the influence of an alcoholic beverage at the time of  
2 the accident;

3 (4) was ~~driving~~ the vehicle to the motor vehicle owner's residence at  
4 the request of the motor vehicle owner or a law enforcement officer; and

5 (5) was ~~driving~~ the vehicle because the motor vehicle owner or  
6 operator was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or reasonably believed to be  
7 under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

8 (b) A person licensed under AS 04.11.080 - 04.11.250, or an agent or  
9 employee of the person, is not liable for personal injury, death, or property damage  
10 resulting from a motor vehicle accident described under (a) of this section.

11 (c) This section does not preclude liability for civil damages as a result of  
12 gross negligence or reckless or intentional misconduct.

13 (d) A motor vehicle owner is considered to have given consent to another  
14 person to drive the owner's motor vehicle if the other person is involved in an accident  
15 and the provisions of (a) of this section apply to the other person.

16 (e) In this section, "licensed premises" has the meaning given in  
17 AS 04.21.080.

18 \* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
19 read:

20 APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to a civil action that accrues on or after the  
21 effective date of this Act.

22 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 2002.

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### SPONSOR STATEMENT CSSSHB 68 (JUD)(efd am)

**An Act relating to accidents involving the vehicle of a person under the influence of an alcoholic beverage; and providing for an effective date.**

CSSSHB 68 (JUD) (efd am) is a "Good Samaritan" bill. It provides protection for taxicab and limousine drivers or owners, holders of taxicab or limousine permit, or owners or employees of a company dispatching taxicabs or limousines who, at the request of a motor vehicle owner or law enforcement officer, drive the motor vehicle of a person under the influence. Additionally the owner, agent or employee of licensed premises would not be liable for an accident arising from this activity. A person engaging in this activity would not be civilly liable for damages unless gross negligence or reckless or intentional misconduct was involved.

The legislation also states that a motor vehicle owner is considered to have given consent to drive the owner's motor vehicle.

One of the problems facing Alaskans is when they are out drinking; they want to drive home even when they shouldn't. Additionally, these persons are worried about leaving a vehicle parked in a location other than their home. This legislation would allow the person under the influence and his or her vehicle to get home safely without the taxicab or limousine operator fearing liability from this activity.

Your support would be appreciated.

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### SECTIONAL ANALYSIS CSSSHB 68 (JUD)(efd am)

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- Section 1:** Adds new section to 09.65. Under certain specific circumstances, a taxicab or limousine operator, taxicab or limousine driver or permit holder, owner or employee of a company dispatching taxicabs or limousines, or the licensee, agent or employee of a licensed premises would not be civilly liable for personal injury or death while driving the motor vehicle of a person who is under the influence to that person's residence unless gross negligence or reckless or intentional misconduct was involved. Provides that the motor vehicle owner is considered to have given consent for his or her vehicle to be driven.
- Section 2:** Applicability section.
- Section 3:** Effective date: July 1, 2002

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April 20, 2001

Representative Rokeberg,

CHARR and the industry thank you and Janet for submitting and following through with the important legislation in HB 68. With the passage of this bill, it will make our new program possible.

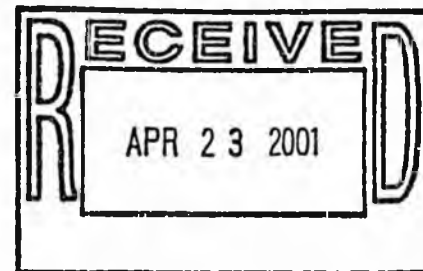
The Downtown Partnership, the Downtown Licensed Beverage Association, the Taxi companies and CHARR have been working for two years putting in place our "Off the Road" program. The program started in Anchorage. Because of the parking situation in downtown, you can not leave your car overnight without being towed. It seemed if we could get the drivers and their cars home this would alleviate many of the drunk drivers from Anchorage's roads. After investigating the situation with CHARR's affiliates throughout the state, it seemed this would enable the industry to add another tool to stopping drunk driving on Alaska's roads.

HB 68 will exempt the Taxi personnel from liability while driving the customer's car home and the insurance would go with the car as is the law in Alaska. It is necessary, for the success of our program, to protect the Taxis that are helping with this community service program.

I have enclosed some information and statements about the "Off the Road Program". If I can be of more assistance, please let me know.

Best regards,

Kacie McDowell  
Executive Director Alaska CHARR



## ANCHORAGE AGAINST DRINKING & DRUNK (A.A.D.D.)

### OUR VISION:

To increase cleanliness, occupancy rates, investment values, and lease income.  
To decrease crime, to generally stimulate economic development, and  
Improve the overall quality of life in the downtown area of Anchorage.

### OUR MISSION:

The Anchorage Downtown Partnership is a Non-Profit organization dedicated to providing supplemental "Clean and Safe Services" to All the Business Improvement District and Contributing to the Vitality of the Anchorage Community.

"We Solve Problems encountered in a Positive, Non-Violent, & Compassionate Way"

### OUR CONCERNS:

Unintentional acts created by patron drivers of vehicles under the influence that may be harmful to other members of the community.

This may occur when:

- A patron has need for their vehicle the following morning and does not want the inconvenience of collecting the vehicle
- Vehicles can be towed for a number of reasons thus incurring unwanted costs
- There is also the possibility the vehicle could be vandalized and/or burglarized
- Simply the patron does not choose to pay or can not pay the cost of a taxi

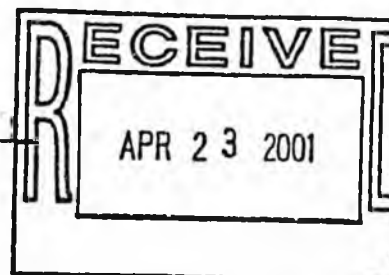
"These are reasons some patrons may justify Drinking & Driving"

### OUR SOLUTION:

To Provide a Safe mode of transportation for Both the patron and his/her vehicle. This service can be requested by the patron or by determination of the establishment in order to limit liabilities and to protect the general public. This accompaniment program would be provided by Municipally licensed chauffeurs. (Taxi Cab Drivers)

- Transportation provided from the establishment to patrons home
- Patron and vehicle arrive home safe and sound together
- Limited or no cost to patron for this service
- Educate establishment staff and public of the availability of this program and the benefits that it provides

LET US ALL A.A.D.D. SAFETY TO OUR COMMUNITY  
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE ANCHORAGE A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE



# Downtown Licensed Beverage Association

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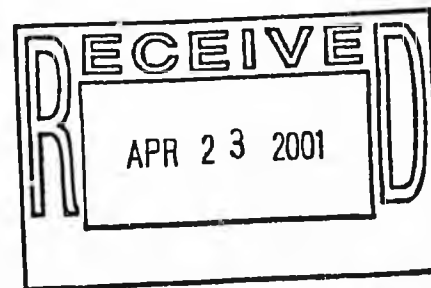
Re: AADD Program

In order for this program to be successful the cab companies and the liquor establishments must work and communicate closely together. To help facilitate this, the establishments will implement the following strategies and policies:

1. Place signs near pay phones, direct line cab phones and in other conspicuous areas of the establishment such as rest rooms and near the exits where signs can be easily read.
2. Train all establishment staff members of the availability of this program, how to inform patrons of it and how to implement the procedures agreed upon by program officials.
3. Make public service announcements on in-house sound systems (if establishment is equipped) from time to time and at closing time to help influence patron decisions to use program.
4. Pay a portion of the cab fare cost agreed upon by establishments and program officials.
5. Promote program from time to time in conjunction with other advertising and promotions. Make program informational hand outs available to establishment patrons.
6. Track program usage (in conjunction with the cab companies) to assess effectiveness and demographics and to provide informational statistics for program officials to use in promoting and or improving this program.

The Downtown Licensed Beverage Association feels that these strategies and policies that the establishments will implement will help assure the success of this exciting and new collaboration.

John G. Pattee  
Downtown Lounge and Restaurant Association



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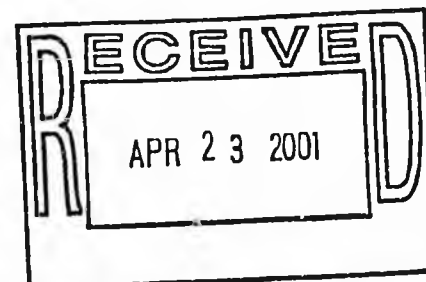
**REGARDING: A.A.D.D. Program**

In order for this program to work and be successful the Restraunt's, Lounge's and Taxicab Companies **MUST** work together and communicate closely with each other. To help facilitate this, Checker Cab Company will implement the following procedure and policies:

1. We will have a minimum of six (6) designated drivers on duty every night to be available for this program.
2. We will set a flat fee of \$40.00 per car deliveries made from a Downtown Anchorage Establishments to one (1) destination in the Anchorage Area, for Both the patron and his/her vehicle.
3. Every car delivery that we do will be logged into a log book in the Dispatch office as it comes in, so it will be easy to track our progress with this program and how well it is working to benefit the community.
4. Train All taxicab drivers and dispatch employees with our company about the program, incase designated drivers are not available they will be able to cover the car delivery safely.
5. Promote, with the drivers help, how this program is available to our customers headed to a downtown establishment or any other destinations in the Anchorage area, a safe and convenient way to enjoy the downtown establishments and not have to worry about retrieving their vehicle the next day.

Checker Cab Company feels that this program will work to help solve some of the Drinking and Driving problems that exists here in the Anchorage area and will make the community a much safer piace to live.

Nancy R Brockway  
Asst. Office Manager, Checker Cab



**2002**

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**

**LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**



**George P. Wuerch**  
**Mayor**

The Municipality supports legislation that would revise the interaction between the Alaska Railroad and affected municipalities through modification of the blanket indemnification provisions.

#### **Utility Liens Against Property**

The Municipality supports statutory authority for unpaid utility bills to be used as liens against property.

#### **Business Improvement Districts**

The Municipality supports legislation allowing the State of Alaska to participate as a voting and paying member of business improvement districts such as the Anchorage Downtown BID in order to reimburse the district for supplemental services provided to State owned or leased facilities in the District.



#### **Good Samaritan Program**

The Municipality supports enactment of legislation that limits liability of impaired drivers who voluntarily turn over car keys to licensed chauffeurs (taxicab drivers) to drive their vehicles home.

#### **Natural Gas Pipeline**

As plans progress toward approving the construction of a pipeline to bring North Slope natural gas to market, the State should ensure there is an adequate supply of natural gas for Southcentral Alaska.

#### **Deferred Maintenance**

The Municipality supports continued funding for on-going state and local deferred maintenance of roads, schools, and other public improvements.

#### **Knik Arm Crossing**

The Municipality encourages the Legislature to express their support for continued progress on the Knik Arm Crossing.

#### **Driving with License Suspended/No Motor Vehicle Insurance**

As another tool to deal with repeat motor vehicle offenders, the Municipality requests a legislative change to allow local government to confiscate vehicles when the owners have been cited for driving with their license suspended or with no insurance.

#### **Mobile Home Eviction Notices**

The Municipality supports legislation such as Senate Bill 6 that extends the eviction notification period for tenants and mobile home owners and provides for reasonable relocation expense reimbursement in the event of a shorter notice period.

#### **Municipal Fees for Certain Police Protection Services**

The Municipality supports legislation, such as HB 135, that allows local government the ability to impose a fee on the owner of residential property if the police department responds to the property an excessive number of times.

**Subject:** in support of HB 68

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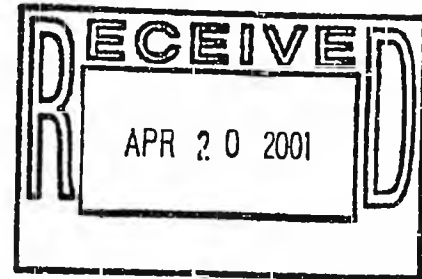
I JUST WANTED EVERY ONE TO KNOW THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL #68  
BECAUSE THIS IS A VERY GOOD WAY TO SHOW THAT WE ALL CARE ABOUT DRUNK  
DRIVERS

STAYING OFF OF THE ROAD WAYS AND KEEPING EVERYONE ON THE ROADWAYS SAFE.  
THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING FOR EVERY ONE TO SUPPORT THIS HOUSE BILL TO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ALL OUR LIVES.

PLEASE DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO GET THIS HOUSE BILL PASSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
SO THAT WE ALL CAN ENJOY OUR ROADWAYS SAFER.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US ALL.

NANCY R. BROCKWAY.



# POM for Representative Rokeberg



From: Mr J Harold Michal  
PO Box 3549

Telephone: -

Valdez, AK 99686

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Bill: HB 68 Title: NO CIVIL LIAB FOR TAXI TRANSPORTING DRUNK  
Message:

Please support this bill

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ANCHORAGE Daily News

SATURDAY

19 AUGUST 2000

## Taxi plan would get drinkers' cars home

Insurance liability described as hurdle

By JULIE WESTFALL  
Daily News reporter

An idea to get drunken drivers off the road in Anchorage is almost as simple as free cab rides home, but with a twist — an intoxicated person would not only get a free cab ride home from a bar, but another taxi driver would also take his car home.

"The best way to get drunks off the road is to get

them home and to get their car home," said John Pattee, owner of two downtown bars, Gaslight Lounge and The Avenue.

It has been dubbed the Off-the-Road program. Organizers say it is not an impossibility; even after being two years in the making it still needs to address liability issues that

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# CABBIES: Plan covers drinkers, vehicles

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might be fixed with a law that has not been written yet.

"It's doable, but it's taking us a lot longer than we anticipated," said Rod Pfeifer, executive director of the Anchorage Downtown Partnership and the man spearheading the program along with several bar owners and cab companies.

Unfortunately for the program, car insurance in Alaska goes with the vehicle and the taxi drivers must assume that the car they are taking home is insured. Nancy R. Brockway, office manager for Anchorage Checker Cab, said her cab service has occasionally picked up intoxicated bar patrons and driven their cars home when they show proof of insurance. They also charge four times the regular rate.

"We can't advertise because of the fact that we don't have insurance," Brockway said.

She said to run the program right now, the taxi drivers themselves would have to be insured to drive any private vehicle. But insurance companies they have talked to would charge more than \$1,000 per driver a month, she said. Brockway said the problem might be fixed with a state law either exempting the program's drivers from liability if they were in an accident or re-

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— Rod Pfeifer, executive director of the Anchorage Downtown Partnership

■ **TASK FORCE MEETING:** The DUI Prevention Task Force will have a public hearing from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday in the Assembly Chambers at Loussac Library. It is open to anyone who wants to offer suggestions on the problem of drunken drivers. You can e-mail your comments at [dui@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:dui@ci.anchorage.ak.us).

quiring insurance to cover the program.

No one knows how long that could take, but state Rep. Norm Rokeberg said he would support a bill next session that would eliminate insurance worries.

"This seems to have some merit, so I'd be more than happy to look into that," said Rokeberg, chairman of the Labor and Commerce Committee, which oversees insurance matters.

Pfeifer said they have gathered support from cab companies, police, bar owners and the city. The recent public spotlight on drunken driving might provide the impetus needed to overcome the logistical issues for the program. A slew of drunken driving legislation is expected to be dis-

cussed when the Legislature convenes in January, Rokeberg said.

Police Chief Duane Udland said that he likes the idea but that the insurance issue might be tough to get through the Legislature.

"I think they're going to really have to make their case, that would be my guess," Udland said.

According to Pattee, they are exploring different funding sources, including Mothers Against Drunk Driving and liquor industry cash. The program is tentatively planned to handle about 30 customers a month and cost about \$200,000 to \$250,000 a year.

"The industry is partnering with the city to come up with lots of ideas like this. This is one of the ideas," said Karen Rogina, executive vice president of the Alaska Restaurant and Beverage Association. "It's rather in a state of infancy."

□ Reporter Julie Westfall can be reached at [jwestfall@adn.com](mailto:jwestfall@adn.com).

# Off the road

**FREE RIDES HOME**

for you and your car.

Ask your bartender.

ANCHORAGE  
DOWNTOWN  
PARTNERSHIP



BEVERAGE  
ASSOCIATION

ANCHORAGE  
AGAINST  
DRUNK  
DRIVING

ALASKA  
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February 6, 2002

The Honorable Norman Rokeberg  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Rokeberg,

I thank you for your sponsorship and support of HB 68, the bill that allows no civil liability for Taxi Transporting Drunk Drivers.

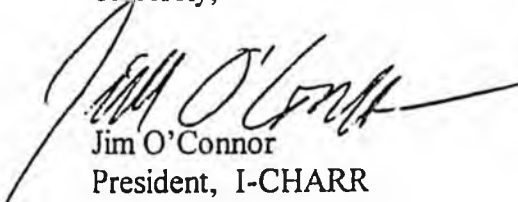
I-CHARR in Fairbanks has an interest in developing a similar program and we were somewhat concerned when the Anchorage program was halted due to prohibitive insurance costs. We will reinstate our efforts for a Fairbanks "Off the Road" program if your bill passes. Funding for programs like this require a dedicated effort by industry and non-industry community members. No state or local tax dollars are needed if our respective communities feel there is a need and a desire to keep our roads safe.

I do have a problem with the way this HB 68 is presented to the public by our local newspapers. I suppose because the title "No Civil Liability for Taxi Transporting **DRUNK DRIVERS**" implies all individuals using the program are drunk the newspapers capitalized on the misconception that any body that has a drink is a drunk driver.

In reality the people using the "Off the Road" program are responsible drinkers who are community minded enough to keep their roads safe and to get their vehicle out of harms way. To say that everyone who has a drink and drives is a drunk driver is like saying every politician is a crook. Such implications are unwarranted.

I ask that you consider using the term "responsible drinkers" in your future efforts to get your welcomed legislation through the legislative process. I-CHARR will be available to assist you in your efforts should the need arise.

Sincerely,

  
Jim O'Connor  
President, I-CHARR

cc: CHARR

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*George P. Wuerch, Mayor*

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 30, 2002

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Representative Norman Rokeberg  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: House Bill 68

Dear Norm:

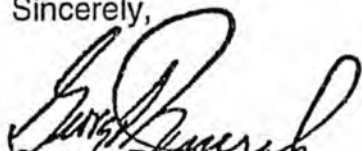
The purpose of this letter is to express our support for HB 68, the "Topsy Taxi" bill.

As you know, finding ways to reduce the occurrence of drunk driving has been a priority for the Municipality of Anchorage for over a year. We formed a DUI Task Force to recommend ways to deal with the problem and have challenged its members to think outside the box and come up with creative solutions.

I believe HB 68 represents one of those creative solutions. By providing an easy means for someone who has become alcohol impaired to get their vehicle off the streets and home will help keep some drunk drivers off the road.

We applaud your efforts through this bill as well as other legislation you have introduced to address the problem of drunk driving.

Sincerely,



George P. Wuerch  
Mayor

**Subject: HB 68**

**Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2002 18:29:48 -0500**

**From: "Louise Stutes" <stutes@ptialaska.net>**

**To: "The Honorable Norman Rokeberg" <Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us>**

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February 8, 2002

The Honorable Norman Rokeberg  
House of Representatives  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

FEB 9 2002

Dear Rep. Rokeberg:

My name is Louise Stutes, I am the President of Kodiak Liquor Association, as well as a state board member of CHARR. In Kodiak we presently have a "safe-driving program" in place for New Years Eve, and passage of HB 68 would enable us to extend this to a year 'round program much more smoothly and with much more ease. It's very difficult here in Kodiak with the decline in the fishing industry and consequent decrease in the economy to promote anything that increases costs or liabilities to any of our business, even though the safety of our citizens may be at stake. Please, we need help by passage of HB 68.

Respectfully,

Louise Stutes, President  
Kodiak Liquor Assoc.

Sincerely,

Louise Stutes

**Subject: HB65**

**Date:** Fri, 08 Feb 2002 18:52:07 -0500

**From:** "Judy McDonald" <jamnb15@gci.net>

**To:** "The Honorable Norman Rokeberg" <Representative\_Norman\_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us>

Judy McDonald  
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Juneau, AK 99801

February 8, 2002

The Honorable Norman Rokeberg  
House of Representatives  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

FEB 9 2002

Dear Rep. Rokeberg:

This is to inform you that Juneau CHARR is in full support of HB65, the taxi liability issue.

Sincerely,

Judy McDonald, Sec., Juneau CHARR

**Subject: Re: Fiscal Notes for 6 Bills**

**Date:** Thu, 07 Feb 2002 11:49:39 -0900

**From:** Shari Kochman <shari\_kochman@gov.state.ak.us>

**Organization:** Alaska Office of the Governor

**To:** Donald Smith <Donald\_Smith@legis.state.ak.us>

**CC:** Ryan C Peterson <ryan\_peterson@gov.state.ak.us>

will put in requests for senate bills.  
you should already have the fiscal note for hb 68 in your bill packet.  
it's a zero from law

Donald Smith wrote:

> I would like to request Fiscal Notes for the following bills that will  
> be considered by the Senate Transportation Committee next week.  
>  
> For Tuesday 2/12/02 - 1:30 PM  
>  
> SB 226 Highway Design & Construction  
> SB 206 Disabled Parking & Registration Plates  
> SB 222 Require Slow Drivers To Pull Over  
>  
> For Thursday 2/14/02 - 1:30 PM  
>  
> HB 68 Immunity: Cabbie Driving Drunk's Car Home  
> SB 265 Physician Assistants/Nurse Practitioners  
> SB 260 Historic/Antique Motor Vehicles  
>  
> Thank you very much.  
>  
> Don Smith  
> Senate Transportation Committee