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Department: Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development
Appropriation: Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
Allocation: Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
OMB Component Number: 3119

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Division:	Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office	Date:	01/25/2018
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Agency:	Division of Administrative Services, DCCED		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB301 allows the continuous holder of a beverage dispensary - tourism license (BDL-tourism) or restaurant or eating place license (REPL) that was issued under AS 04.11.400(g) before June 5, 1985, to renew and transfer ownership of the license as long as they have maintained a dining facility or kitchens in the majority of their rental rooms, maintain 10 rental rooms, and comply with other requirements of Title 04.

The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office does not anticipate fiscal impact from this legislation.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Klein, Chair, and
Members of the Board

DATE: September 13, 2017

FROM: Erika McConnell
Director, ABC Board

RE: Beverage Dispensary Tourism
License Report

On July 20, 2016, the board voted unanimously to open a regulations project “to clarify some of the parameters around AS 04.11.400(d) tourism licenses.” On October 26, 2016, Director Franklin asked the board for guidance regarding what it is looking for for tourism license parameters. The chair requested that staff provide data on the number of tourism licenses that do not meet current room requirements set forth in AS 04.11.400(d)(1).

The attached spreadsheet indicates there are 165 beverage dispensary – tourism licenses. According to research in our licensing files done by Abigail Enghirst, Special Assistant to the Commissioner of DCCED, 73 percent (122 licenses) of BDL – tourism licenses meet the statutory requirements of AS 04.11.400(d)(1), while 20 percent (34 licenses) do not, and five percent (nine licenses) require additional investigation as the information in the file is insufficient to make a determination. All 34 licenses that do not meet the statute do not have a sufficient number of hotel rooms. Of those 34 licenses, 76 percent have half or fewer the number of rooms required.

AS 04.11.400(d) was adopted by the legislature in 1985, so this requirement has been in place for over 30 years. We have not determined whether or not each license was either issued or transferred after 1985 but could follow up with that information should the board request it.

license #	seasonal?	establishment	exp	meets current reqs	airport?	local govt	rooms required	rooms provided	rooms w/kitchen facilities	majority with?	dining facilities?	operated by licensee?	notes
6	N	Airport Lounge & Snack Bar	18	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
10	N	Al's Alaskan Inn	17	N	N	Anchorage	50	19	6		?		limited food service, such as snacks, bar-b-ques, and period free dishes such as chili; as of 2/26/16 in process of remodeling to include additional ten rooms for daily, weekly and monthly rental--unclear whether additional 10 rooms have kitchens
45	N	Mykel's Restaurant	17	N	N	Soldotna	25	20		N	Y		restaurant open for lunch and dinner
67	N	Coast International Inn	17	Y	N	Anchorage	50	141	3	N	Y		restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner
175	N	Breakwater Inn Restaurant & Lounge	17	Y	N	Juneau	40	49	29	Y			
177	N	Breeze Inn	17	Y	N	Seward	25	100		N	Y		restaurant seats 85, lounge seats 55; open to the public for food and verage service year-round
207	N	Tustumena Lodge	18	N	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	11	10	Y	N		
248	Y	Clover Pass Resort	18	Y	N	Ketchikan Gwy Bd	30	32		N	Y		
313	N	Prospector Hotel/TK Maguires	18	Y	N	Juneau	40	62		N	Y		restaurant features seafood, steaks and pasta; serve breakfast and lunch year round
402	N	Flight Deck Bar/Arctic Inn	17	N	N	Anchorage	50	24		N	Y	?	restaurant on premises offers select menu from Flight Deck Pizza
442	N	Glacier Bear Lodge	17	?	N	Yakutat	10	31		N	?		separate lodge with full bar and dining room
518	N	The Landing Hotel, Restaurant & Jer	17	Y	N	Ketchikan	30	107		N	Y		two full service restaurants on site
531	N	Black Angus SteakHouse #2	18	?	N	Anchorage	50	64		N	?		rooms with mini fridge and microwave; Hawaii sushi located on the first floor
536	N	Howling Dog Saloon	17	N	N	FNSB	50	10		N	Y	Y	Howling Dog Café is located in the bar and provides food
537	N	Hunger Hut Bar	18	N	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	10		N	N		do not have full kitchens but each room has own microwave and refrigerator
553	N	Indian House	17	N	N	Anchorage	50	10		N	Y		10 rooms during operating season; varitey of American style lunches and dinners
555	N	Inlet View Restaurant & Bar	17	N	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	12	1	N	Y		full service restaurant
591	Y	Westmark Inn Skagway	17	Y	N	Skagway Bor	10	151		N	Y		two separate stand alone restaurants on site offer fine food
600	N	Chart Room	17	Y	N	Kodiak	30	82	1	N	Y		food and beverage service daily
624	N	Tailgaters Sports Bar & Grill	18	N	N	Wasilla	30	10		N	Y	N	property includes bar, restaurant and motel; alcohol venue operated by Kashim Inc director Ted Anderson
658	N	The Lions Den	17	Y	N	Anchorage	50	83		N	Y		full service restaurant and lounge; all rooms include refrigerator and microwave
691	Y	Malemute Saloon/Ester Gold Camp	18	N	N	FNSB	50	23		N	?		saloon on occasion offers reindeer stew and peanuts
742	N	Voyager Inn	18	N	N	Anchorage	50	40	39	Y	N		complimentary buffet breakfast; dining across the street with ability to charge meal to room
897	N	The Place Bar & Motel	18	N	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	15		N	Y		café open during normal bar hours
941	N	Swiss Alaska Inn	18	N	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	21	1	N	Y		dining facility open 7 days a week during tourist season; open Saturdays, Sundays and special occasions during the winter
954	N	Reluctant Fisherman Inn	18	?	N	Cordova	20						incomplete application--no tourism statement in electronic file
1016	N	Sealaska Inn & Lodge	17	Y	N	unorg bor (Hyder)	10	20	7	N	?		full kitchen and dining area; pub food in the bar
1031	N	Westmark Sitka Hotel	17	Y	N	Sitka	30	105	1	N	Y		full service restaurant and lounge, providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner
1036	N	Slippery Salmon Bar & Grill	17	Y	N	Anchorage	50	90		N	Y		full service restaurant and bar

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1096	N	Sunrise Inn	17	N	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	10		N	Y		café and bar operated from 1/1/2014 to 9/14/2014 and 5/15/2015-9/7/2015
1116	Y	Tangle River Inn	17	Y	N	unorg bor	10	30		N	Y		full restaurant and bar
1161	N	Totem Inn	17	Y	N	unorg bor (Valdez)	25	50	16+		Y		electronic file does not include tourism statement
1185	N	Harbor View Bar & Grill	17	Y	N	Unalaska	25	25		N	Y		bar and grill with traditioanl pub fare and pizza; contemporary sushi bar
1287	N	Talkeetna Motel	17	N	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	23	1	N	Y		lodging, restaurant and lounge; each room has microwave and refrigerator
1290	N	Icy Strait Lodge	18	Y	N	Hoonah	10	145	1 (3?)	N	Y		one suite with full kitchen, in process of converting two others 12/2016; every room has mini-refrigerator and microwave; restaurant runs seven days a week year round; frozen preped convenience foods; frequently provides free snacks such as pizza to bar patrons
1309	N	Anchor River Inn	18	N	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	17		N	Y		full service restaurant
1378	N	Alaskan Hotel	17	Y	N	Juneau	40	45		Y	N		kitchenettes in over half rooms; offers self-service food service
1400	N	Anchor Inn	17	Y	N	Whittier	10	30	14	N	Y		restaurant
1402	N	Best Western Bidarka Inn / Otter Rock	18	Y	N	Homer	30	74		N	Y		offer breakfast and dinner; lunch offered by special request
1443	N	Sheraton Anchorage Hotel & Spa	18	Y	N	Anchorage	50	370		N	Y		restaurant and lounge serves breakfast, lunch and dinner
1563	N	Everett's	18	N	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	15	3	N	Y	Y	12 rooms have microwaves and mini refrigerators, 3 cabins have full kitchens; resort has a fine dining restaurant and bistro on premise that serves lunch and dinner daily and Sunday brunch
1758	N	Last Hook Off	17	Y	N	King Cove	10	13		N	Y	Y	rooms have microwave and refrigerator; leased restaurant that serves Chinese and American food
1788	N	Latitude 62 Lodge	18	N	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	13	1	N	Y		full service restaurant and cocktail lounge
1840	N	Annabelle's Famous Keg & Chowder	17	Y	N	Ketchikan	30	34		N	Y		restaurant offers food service all year, plus room service and takeout food
1859	N	Uptown Motel/Louie's	17	Y	N	Kenai	30	49		N	Y	Y	rooms equipped with microwave oven and refrigerator; dining and room service from restaurant; Schilling Alaska operates the Uptown Motel as well as Louie's Restaurant
1925	N	Windbreak Hotel, Cafe, Lounge, The	17	N	N	Wasilla	30	10	0	N	Y		full service 250 seat cafe and lounge that offer breakfast, lunch and dinner
1962	N	The Silver Fox Inn	18	N	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	10	10	Y	Y	Y	all rooms have kitchen facilities which include separate sinks, refrigerators, and microwave ovens
1987	N	Brown Bear Saloon & Motel	18	N	N	Anchorage	50	10	10	Y	Y		four rooms have full kitchens (sinks, stove, oven, full size fridge/freezer, microwave oven, etc); six rooms equipped with sink, microwave oven, refrigerator, etc; dining facility added in 2006
2063	N	Long Rifle Lodge	18	N	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	11		N	Y		two rooms and two cabins offer refrigerators, microwaves; restaurant open year round offering burgers and pastries
2093	Y	Air Marine Charters Floating Lodge	17	Y	N	Alaskan Waters	10	12	0	N			all meals provided with lodging, food and fishing packages
2111	N	Roadside Inn	18	N	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	20	0	N	Y		full service restaurant in separate building, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, open seven days a week
2133	N	Sully's Sourdough Inn	17	N	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	16	0	N	?		full service cafe and bar--cafe open from 9am-7pm every day, bar open from 9 am-1:30am every day; snacks and free soup every day after 7pm when cafe closes
2147	N	The Duck Inn	17	N	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	20	0	N	Y		year round cafe, pizza oven

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2184	Y	The Point Lodge	17	N	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	17	0	N	Y		restaurant license
2258	N	Regency Hotel	18	Y	N	Fairbanks	40	128	65	Y	Y	Y	on-site restaurant
2365	Y	Westmark Tok	17	Y	N	unorg bor (Tok)	10	99	0	N	Y		equipped with full-service restaurant; when in operation, the hotel was open from mid-May through mid-September--the Westmark Inn Tok has been closed and on the market for sale since 2014 with the goal of selling the property and having it open for the 2016 summer tourism season
2424	N	Sophie Station Hotel	17	Y	N	Fairbanks	40	148	148	Y	Y		Fountainhead Development owns and operates several hotels in Fairbanks, including Sophie Station; their hotels include over 700 guest rooms, several on property restaurants and lounges; approximately 455 are 'full suite' which include a kitchen, refrigerator, stove, microwave oven, etc
2486	N	The Lakefront Anchorage - A Millen	18	Y	N	Anchorage	50	248		N	Y		two year-round restaurants--one offers lunch and dinner, the other open daily for breakfast, lunch dinner; seasonal outdoor restaurant
2541	N	Juneau Airport Travel Lodge	17	Y	N	Juneau	40	86		N	Y		restaurant and lounge on site
2633	Y	Lynx Creek Pizza/Denali Princess Lo	17	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	651		N	Y		Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge campus offers a variety of dining options including Lynx Creek Pizza, Denali Music Dinner Theater, River Run Espresso and Deli, The Base Camp Bistro, Rapids Restaurant, and The King Salmon Restaurant
2694	N	Totem Inn	18	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	42	0	N	Y		restaurant, pub and game room, and motel; rooms are equipped with small refrigerator and microwave oven
2695	N	King Salmon Motel & Restaurant	18	?	N	Soldotna	25	47	0	N	?	?	dining facilities at the King Salmon restaurant across the parking lot; liquor license is at the restaurant run by Mario Rinco (not one of the sole proprietors on the license)
2791	N	Fort Seward Lodge	18	N	N	Haines	20	12	4	N	?		full dining room seats up to 79 guests; four rooms equipped with kitchen facilities (two with small kitchenettes, two with full kitchens)
2797	Y	Kalgin Island Lodge	18	?	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	?	?	?	?	Y	family style dinner with all meals inclusive
2866	N	Anchor Inn & Lounge	18	Y	N	Sand Point	10	16	10	Y	N	?	lounge offers frozen food items along with beer, wine and basic cocktails; Michelle Gronholdt operates the lounge and Pam Gundersen operates the inn portion
2948	N	Cape Fox Lodge	18	Y	N	Ketchikan	30	72		N	Y		full service restaurant and lounge open from 6:30am until 10:00 pm
2993	N	The Upper Deck	17	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
3002	N	Eagle Crest Dining Room & Lounge	17	Y	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	86		N	Y		Rafters Lounge offers appetizers and casual fare; Eagles Crest Dining Room
3074	N	Wedgewood Resort	17	Y	N	Fairbanks	40	305	305	Y	Y		Fountainhead Development owns and operates several hotels in Fairbanks, including Sophie Station; their hotels include over 700 guest rooms, several on property restaurants and lounges; approximately 455 are 'full suite' which include a kitchen, refrigerator, stove, microwave oven, etc
3113	N	Trail Lake Lodge	17	N	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	22		N	Y		bar, restaurant, and lodging open year round (weekends only during winter months)

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3272	Y	Chatanika Gold Camp	18	N	N	FNSB	50	28		N	?		full restaurant and bar at one time offered lunch and dinner six days a week but as of renewal application received in 12/2016, the establishment is currently listed for sale and is no longer offering food service
3290	N	Grand Aleutian Hotel	17	Y	N	Unalaska	25	112		N	Y		two restaurants, lounge, room service
3316	N	Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge	17	Y	N	FNSB	50	324		N	Y		restaurant, bar and grill
3370	Y	McKinley Denali Salmon Bake	17	N	N	Denali Borough	20	12		N	Y		restaurant has full menu and table service
3445	N	Hotel Alyeska	17	Y	N	Anchorage	50	304		N	Y		five restaurants
3461	N	Puddle Jumpers Saloon	17	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
3523	N	Glacier Sound Inn	18	Y	N	Valdez	25	40		N	Y	Y	restaurant and bar
3660	Y	King Salmon Restaurant/Denali Prin	17	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	651		N	Y		Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge campus offers a variety of dining options including Lynx Creek Pizza, Denali Music Dinner Theater, River Run Espresso and Deli, The Base Camp Bistro, Rapids Restaurant, and The King Salmon Restaurant
3694	N	Courtyard by Marriott	18	Y	N	Anchorage	50	154		N	Y		rooms feature mini-fridge and microwave; on-site restaurant serves breakfast, dinner, and room service; lounge where alcohol is served is separate from the restaurant
3724	N	Denali North Star Inn	18	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	127		N	Y		restaurant and bar located on the property
3731	Y	Grizzly's Bar / Base Camp Bar & Grill	18	Y	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	462		N	Y		lodge includes Mountain View Restaurant; Cub Café; 20,320 Alaskan Bar & Grill; The Hangar; Base Camp Bar & Grill
3759	N	Airport Restaurant & Lounge	18	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Y	
3823	Y	Resurrection Roadhouse	17	Y	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	212		N	Y		on-site restaurant
3824	N	Frontier Suites Hotel	17	Y	N	Juneau	40	104	104	Y	Y		each room has a full kitchen including a range, refrigerator, sink (84 with garbage grinder), 84 with dishwasher, microwave, etc; property also offers lounge and full service restaurant
3849	Y	Rivers Edge Resort & Chena's Alaska	17	Y	N	FNSB	50	94			Y		restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner
3867	Y	Olivia's at the Skagway Inn	18	Y	N	Skagway	10	10		N	Y		80 seat restaurant and 2 entertainment tours related to service of food and beverage
3920	Y	Denali River Cabins	18	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	338		N	Y		full menu restaurant open for breakfast, lunch and dinner
3931	N	Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge	18	Y	N	Mat-Su Borough	50	212		N	Y		two restaurants, lounge, room service
3945	N	Anchorage Marriott Hotel	17	Y	N	Anchorage	50	395		N	Y		restaurant
3999	N	Alaskan Steakhouse & Motel	17	Y	N	unorg bor (Delta)	10	23		N	Y		steakhouse open year round, seven days a week (6:00 am until 9:00 pm) providing an extensive menu
4035	N	Midnight Sun Bar & Grill	17	Y	N	FNSB	50	208		N	Y		208 rooms with refrigerators and microwaves
4099	Y	Grande Denali Hotel - Alpenglow Re	18	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	166		N	Y	Y	180 seat fine dining restaurant, including 25 seat full service lounge; restaurant and lodge are operated by Little Norway, Inc
4203	Y	Hotel Halsingland	17	Y	N	Haines	35	35		N	Y		full service restaurant serving dinner from 5:30pm to 9pm

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4206	Y	Copper River Princess Wilderness Lc	17	Y	N	unorg bor	10	85			Y		dining room serves a wide variety of unique local specialites
4230	N	Camel Rock Lounge	17	Y	N	Anchorage	50	109		N	Y		refrigeration and microwave in all rooms; free full breakfast 7 days a week, lounge and small restaurant; catering for meeting spaces (board room and ballroom);
4236	N	Hilton Garden Inn	17	Y	N	Anchorage	50	125		N	Y		restaurant serving daily breakfast, dinner, and has a bar; snack shop/24hr pavilion patnry market
4263	Y	Shelter Cove Lodge	18	Y	N	Craig	10	10		N	Y		liquor/restaurant use is during three summer months (June, July, Aug), the lodge is year round; fishing packages include meals but not alcohol; fishing guests at remote lodge dine at Shelter Cove, others are provided with a menu and encouraged to dine at the main lodge
4280	Y	Denali Bluffs Hotel	18	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	173		N	Y	Y	75 seat restaurant dining facility that includes a 20 seat full service bar; Little Norway, Inc operates the hotel and grill & bar
4283	N	PubHouse	18	Y	N	Anchorage	50	179	179	Y	Y		full-service restaurant
4308	Y	Nenana View Bar and Grille	18	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	478		N	Y		variety of dining options at McKinley Chalet Resorts, including: Nenana View Bar and Grille, Dinner Theatre, Coutryard Café, and Grizzly Grind Espresso
4354	N	Homewood Suites	17	?	N	Anchorage	50	122	?		?		refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, microwave; 24hr Pavillion Pantry Market; room service; complimentary free hot breakfast buffet and free dinner with wine and beer Monday through Thursday evenings
4357	N	Cold Bay Lodge	17	Y	N	Cold Bay	10	17	6	N	Y		main lodge serves three meals a day; three out buildings that have two duplex units each (i.e., six units with full kitchens, freezers, refridgeration, microwaves, etc).
4358	N	Fireweed Roadhouse	17	y	N	unorg bor	10	12		N	Y		full service restaurant with regular 8 hr days of operation plus accomodating most all hours; all rooms have refrigerator, 3 microwaves available for use
4379	N	The Station Bar & Grill	17	?	N	Skagway	10	10		N	?		restaurant/bar provides live entertainment; expansion of 8 additional rooms (plus larger lobby, gift shop, and hotel bar) was planned to be completed for the 2016 tourism season
4387	N	Central Corner	17	Y	N	unorg bor	10	10	0	N	Y		restaurant opened seven days a week at 8 am; bar, gas, grocery store, showers, laundry facility
4403	N	Pork & Pickel	17	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
4419	N	The Grill	17	Y	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	138		N	Y		daily restaurant service, serves tour busses for breakfast and dinner during summer months; catering options; menu with a wide variety for both tourists and locals
4423	N	Board Room	17	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
4440	N	Flying Chinook Bar & Grill	17	Y	N	Anchorage	40	96	20	N	Y		20 extended stay rooms include amenities of basic rooms (including refrigerators) plus kitchenette including microwaves; the grill serves Asian/American fusion cuisine and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner (breakfast is free to all guests)
4443	Y	Bristol Bay Lodge	18	Y	N	unorg bor	10	12		N	Y		lodge features a central bar location and commercial sized kitchen with serves guests breakfast, provides a hearty lunch for daily excursions, and a 4-course dinner served daily out of the dining room

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4458	N	Iris Café and Saloon	18	N	N	FNSB	50	37	0	N	Y		
4526	N	Gold Miners Lodge Restaurant and	18	N	N	Mat-Su Borough	50	10		N	Y		restaurant , motel and dry RV parking
4555	N	Main Street Tap & Grill	17	N	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	31		N	Y		breakfast included with hotel stay; guests may dine-in or carry-out; offer food service hours later than any other restaurant in Kenai; all rooms equipped with a refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot
4556	N	Gilpatrick's Hotel Chitna	17	Y	N	unorg bor	10	15		N	Y		40 seat dining room, 8 seat pub area, beer garden;
4592	Y	Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge R	17	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	651	0	N	Y		variety of dining options available at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, including: Lynx Creek Pizza, Denali Jusic Dinner Theater, River fun Espresso and Deli, The Base Camp Bistro, Rapids Restaurant, the King Salmon Restaurant
4593	Y	Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness L	17	Y	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	462	0	N	Y		sophisticated cuisine in the Mountain View Restaurant , casual fare in the Cub Café, 0320 Alaskan Bar & Brill, The Hanger, Grizzly Bar
4611	N	Buskin River Lounge	17	Y	N	Kenai Pen Bor	40	50	0	N	Y		refrigerator and microwave in every room; free breakfast; lounge that serves food
4618	N	Sitkine Inn	17	Y	N	Wrangell	20	34		N	Y	Y	full service hotel and restaurant; modern dining with catering and seating for approximately 154; negotiating with the city to purchase additional property to add 30 more rooms
4696	N	Gene's Place	18	Y	N	Seward	25	58		?	Y		room amenities include refrigerator, microwave, etc; catering, room service, fine dining
4774	N	Embassy Suites Anchorage	17	Y	N	Anchorage	50	169	169	Y	Y		all guest rooms offer a mini-fridge, small one compartment sink and microwave; complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast served daily; evening manager's reception with snacks and beverages; 24hr Pavilion Pantry Market; onsite bar and restuarant
4778	N	The Finish Line	17	Y	N	FNSB	50	113	12	N	Y		restaurant offers food and beverage service to hotel guests and locals
4795	N	Beluga Lake Lodge	18	Y	N	Homer	30	35		N	Y		offer guests continental breakfast and dinner; lunch is offered by special request
4844	N	Crowne Plaza Midtown Anchorage	18	Y	N	Anchorage	50	165	0	N	Y		breakfast, lunch, and dinner through Juno Restaurant
4898	Y	Panorama Pizza Pub	18	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	24	0	N	Y		cansual choice to dine and play games in the evenings without having to drive anywhere
4901	Y	Denali Pricess Lodge/Grizzly Bar & C	18	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	651	0	N	Y		variety of dining options available at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, including: Lynx Creek Pizza, Denali Jusic Dinner Theater, River fun Espresso and Deli, The Base Camp Bistro, Rapids Restaurant, the King Salmon Restaurant
4902	Y	Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge - F	18	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	651	0	N	Y		variety of dining options available at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, including: Lynx Creek Pizza, Denali Jusic Dinner Theater, River fun Espresso and Deli, The Base Camp Bistro, Rapids Restaurant, the King Salmon Restaurant
4924	Y	Inn at Whittier	18	Y	N	Whittier	10	25	0	N	Y		limited number of microwaves and refrigerators available on first-come, first serve, basis; full-service retaurant, tavern and meeting facilities, al of which are offered to the public as dining and beverage areas
4966	N	Salmon Falls Lodge	17	Y	N	Ketchikan Gwy Bd	30	52			Y		full menu restaurant, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner

license #	seasonal?	establishment	exp	meets current reqs	airport?	local govt	rooms required	rooms provided	rms w/kitchen facilities	majority with?	dining facilities?	operated by licensee?	notes
4972	Y	Mt. McKinley Princess - The Hangar	17	Y	N	Mat-Su Bor	50	462	0	N	Y		sophisticated cuisine in the Mountain View Restaurant , casual fare in the Cub Café, 0320 Alaskan Bar & Brill, The Hanger, Grizzly Bar
4987	N	Humpy's Great Alaskan Alehouse	17	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
4988	N	Norton Sound Seafood House	17	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
5106	N	Annie Mae Lodge	17	Y	N	unorg bor (Gustav)	10	11		N	Y		only full service lodging and restaurant open in both the summer and winter;
5129	Y	Prey Bar & Eatery	17	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	46	0	N	Y		provide breakfast, lunch and dinner and a full service bar
5130	Y	Denali Backcountry Lodge	17	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	42	0	N	Y		all meals included at the lodge; ooperate a small bar
5131	N	Silver Gulch Brewing & Bottling	17	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
5146	N	Independence Bar and Grill	17	Y	N	Palmer	30	30		?	Y		all rooms have microwaves and refrigeration; food service is offered; restaurant and bar offers a full menu that range from breakfast, lunch and dinner, and room service
5180	N	Locals	17	?	N	Wasilla	30	138		N	?		Locals Pub & Pizzeria is located in the parking lot of the Grand View Inn & Suites; provides daily food service, catering, free delivery option to hotel guests
5209	Y	McKinley Village Lodge - Lucky Miss	18	Y	N	Denali Borough	20	65		N	Y		full menu restaurant, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner
5221	Y	Tonglen Lake Lodge	17	N	N	Denali Borough	20	10	0	N	Y		main lodge houses the Artisan Cafe which provides a coffee shop/bistro style of restaurant offerings
5232	Y	Alaska King Salmon Lodge	18	Y	N	Bristol Bay Bor	10	29		N	Y		facility includes a restaurant bar, and private lounge; 10 cabins are set up with small fridge and coffee machines
5249	N	Totem Square Inn	18	Y	N	Sitka	30	87	2	N	Y		provide food and beverage and lodging for all guests; all rooms have refrigeration; seasonally have a chowder cart
5252	N	Navigator Lounge	18	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
5282	N	Anchorage City Limits Lofts	17	Y	N	Anchorage	50	250		N	Y		restaurant and cafe--full service for breakfast and dinner, serves food during all open hours
5289	N	Seldovia Boardwalk Hotel	17	Y	N	Seldovia	10	11	1	N	Y		offers food 7 days a week in the summer during the peak of tourist season and 4 days a week during the winter off season
5290	Y	Katmai Lodge	17	?	N	Lake & Pen Bor	20	33	0	N	?		the lodge has a kitchen
5310	N	Mountain Sky Hotel Restaurant	17	Y	N	Valdez	25	95		N	Y		restaurant is open for lunch and dinner, in the summer also open for breakfast; all rooms have a microwave and mini-fridge, extended stay rooms have a full size refrigerator, stove top and sink
5334	N	Nome Nugget Inn	17	Y	N	Nome	25	50	1	N	Y		full restaurant with room service; all rooms have fridges and a microwave, 1 suite has a full kitchen
5338	N	Bridge Lounge	17	Y	N	Soldotna	25	28	3	N	Y		lounge food menu offers eight items franging from chips and salsa to chicken bake
5340	N	The Annex	17	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
5341	N	Romeo's Tap Room	17	Y	Y	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
5381	N	Clarion Suites Downtown	18	Y	N	Anchorage	50	110	100	Y	N		no tourism statement in electronic file

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Official Business

"An Act relating to the renewal and transfer of ownership of a beverage dispensary license or restaurant or eating place license."

House Bill 301 would grandfather hospitality businesses that have been operating for at least thirty years, some for close to one hundred, and allow them to continue operating with a tourism beverage dispensary license. These businesses essentially function as roadhouses, a place to stay for the weary traveler (or miner as it were when their doors first opened) and have long held a place in Alaska's storied past.

When Title IV was last rewritten in 1985, the law was interpreted to let them function under the tourism dispensary license despite not providing as many rooms as was required by the population parameters. Some of these establishments would have to build an additional forty rooms to comply with the interpretation of the current statute. HB301 simply allows long-time Alaskan businesses to continue operating as they have been for over thirty-two years.

If you have any questions, please contact my staff, Laura Stidolph, (907) 465-6879. Thank you for your support of this legislation.

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Committee Substitute for House Bill 301 version M Sectional Analysis

"An Act relating to the renewal of a license involving alcoholic beverages; relating to the renewal and transfer of ownership of a beverage dispensary license or restaurant or eating place license; and relating to issuance of an outdoor recreation lodge license in a local option area."

Section 1 – Amends AS 04.11.330(a) by changing the annual operating hours requirement for license holders from 30 eight-hour days to 240 hours.

Section 2 - Amends 04.11.360 by adding language to ensure that an application may not be denied because a prospective transferee does not have qualifications required under AS 4.11.400(d)(1).

Section 3 – Amends AS 04.11.400(d) by adding language to allow for renewal or transfer of ownership of a tourism beverage dispensary license if the holder operates a hotel, motel, resort, or similar business in the tourist trade; has a licensed dining facility or kitchen facilities in a majority of its rental rooms, and maintains the minimum number of rental rooms that it had at time of initial licensure or that were required at initial licensure. Also allows for premises inside an airport terminal.

Section 4 - Amends AS 04.11.491(a) to add an outdoor recreation lodge license to the licenses that may be approved by voters in a municipality on a local option ballot.

Section 5 – Amends AS 04.11.491(b) to add an outdoor recreation lodge license to the licenses that may be approved by voters in an established village on a local option ballot.

Section 6 – Applicability - Section 4 & Section 5 apply to outdoor recreation lodge licenses issued before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 301(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES WOOL, Sullivan-Leonard, Knopp

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the renewal of a license involving alcoholic beverages; relating to the
2 renewal and transfer of ownership of a beverage dispensary license or restaurant or
3 eating place license; and relating to issuance of an outdoor recreation lodge license in a
4 local option area."

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

6 * **Section 1.** AS 04.11.330(a) is amended to read:

- 7 (a) An application requesting renewal of a license shall be denied if
- 8 (1) the board finds, after review of all relevant information, that
- 9 renewal of the license would not be in the best interests of the public;
- 10 (2) the license has been revoked for any cause;
- 11 (3) the applicant has not operated the licensed premises for at least 240
- 12 hours [30 EIGHT-HOUR DAYS] during each of the two preceding calendar years,
- 13 unless the board determines that the licensed premises are under construction or
- 14 cannot be operated through no fault of the applicant;

1 (4) the board finds that issuance of an existing license under
2 AS 04.11.400(d) has not encouraged tourist trade;

3 (5) the requirements of AS 04.11.420 - 04.11.450 relating to zoning,
4 ownership of the license, and financing of the licensee have not been met;

5 (6) renewal of the license would violate the restrictions pertaining to
6 the particular license under this title or the license has been operated in violation of a
7 condition or restriction imposed by the board;

8 (7) renewal of the license is prohibited under this title as a result of an
9 election conducted under AS 04.11.507;

10 (8) the application has not been completed in accordance with
11 AS 04.11.270; or

12 (9) the license was issued under AS 04.11.400(g), and the board finds
13 that the public convenience does not require renewal.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 04.11.360 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 04.11.360. Denial of transfer of a license to another person.** An
16 application requesting approval of a transfer of a license to another person under this
17 title shall be denied if

18 (1) the board finds, after review of all relevant information, that
19 transfer of a license to another person would not be in the best interests of the public;

20 (2) the application has not been completed in accordance with
21 AS 04.11.280;

22 (3) the application contains false statements of material fact;

23 (4) the transferor has not paid all debts or taxes arising from the
24 conduct of the business licensed under this title unless

25 (A) the transferor gives security for the payment of the debts or
26 taxes satisfactory to the creditor or taxing authority; or

27 (B) the transfer is under a promise given as collateral by the
28 transferor to the transferee in the course of an earlier transfer of the license
29 under which promise the transferor is obliged to transfer the license back to the
30 transferee in the event of default in payment for property conveyed as part of
31 the earlier transfer of the license;

1 (5) transfer of the license to another person would result in violation of
2 the provisions of this title relating to identity of licensees and financing of licensees;

3 (6) transfer of the license to another person would violate the
4 restrictions pertaining to the particular license under this title;

5 (7) transfer of the license to another person is prohibited under the
6 provisions of this title as a result of an election conducted under AS 04.11.507;

7 (8) the prospective transferee does not have the qualifications required
8 under this title of an original applicant; **however, an application may not be denied**
9 **because a prospective transferee under AS 04.11.400(d)(2) does not have the**
10 **qualifications required under AS 04.11.400(d)(1);**

11 (9) the license was issued under AS 04.11.100(f) or 04.11.400(g);
12 however, this paragraph does not apply to a beverage dispensary license issued before
13 June 6, 1985, under former AS 04.11.400(j) if the transfer does not involve a change
14 in location; or

15 (10) the license was issued under AS 04.11.135, unless the transferor is
16 also applying to transfer the beverage dispensary license required under AS 04.11.135
17 to the same transferee.

18 * **Sec. 3.** AS 04.11.400(d) is amended to read:

19 (d) The board may approve

20 **(1)** the issuance [OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP] of a **new**
21 beverage dispensary or restaurant or eating place license without regard to (a) of this
22 section if it appears that the issuance [OR TRANSFER] will encourage the tourist
23 trade by encouraging the construction or improvement of

24 **(A)** [(1)] a hotel, motel, resort, or similar business relating to
25 the tourist trade with a dining facility or having kitchen facilities in a majority
26 of its rental rooms and at least a minimum number of rental rooms required
27 according to the population of the established village, incorporated city,
28 unified municipality, or population area established under (a) of this section in
29 which the facility will be located, as follows:

30 **(i)** [(A)] 10 rental rooms if the population is less than
31 1,501;

(B) a beverage dispensary licensee;

(C) a package store licensee;

(D) a caterer holding a permit under AS 04.11.230 to sell alcoholic beverages at a site within the municipality who is also licensed under a beverage dispensary license for premises outside of the municipality;

(E) a winery licensee; [OR]

(F) a winery licensee, except that sales may occur only to a person licensed under this title or in another state or country; or

(G) an outdoor recreation lodge licensee;

(3) the sale of alcoholic beverages except on premises operated by the municipality and under a type of licensed premises listed on the ballot, that may include one or more of the following:

(A) a restaurant or eating place license;

(B) a beverage dispensary license; or

(C) a package store license;

(4) the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages; or

(5) the sale, importation, and possession of alcoholic beverages.

* Sec. 5. AS 04.11.491(b) is amended to read:

(b) If a majority of the persons voting on the question vote to approve the option, an established village shall exercise a local option to prohibit

(1) the sale of alcoholic beverages;

(2) the sale of alcoholic beverages except by one or more of the following listed on the ballot:

(A) a restaurant or eating place licensee;

(B) a beverage dispensary licensee;

(C) a package store licensee;

(D) a caterer holding a permit under AS 04.11.230 to sell alcoholic beverages at a site within the established village who is also licensed under a beverage dispensary license for premises outside of the established village;

(E) a winery licensee; [OR]

1 (F) a winery licensee, except that sales may occur only to a
2 person licensed under this title or in another state or country; or

3 **(G) an outdoor recreation lodge licensee;**

4 (3) the sale and importation of alcoholic beverages; or

5 (4) the sale, importation, and possession of alcoholic beverages.

6 * **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
7 read:

8 APPLICABILITY. AS 04.11.491(a)(2), as amended by sec. 4 of this Act, and
9 AS 04.11.491(b)(2), as amended by sec. 5 of this Act, apply to outdoor recreation lodge
10 licenses issued before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

From: Tailgaters Sports Bar [<mailto:tailgatersak@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:25 AM
To: Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard <Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support of HB 301

Good morning,

We would like to communicate our support for House Bill 301, relating to the renewal and transfer of ownership of beverage dispensary licenses.

With the recent review of the statute regarding tourism licenses by the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office, we are greatly concerned for the future of our business. We do not believe that AMCO is taking into account the intent of the statute, which we feel was to allow businesses that serve the tourism industry to serve alcohol, under the condition they met the criteria set forth in the law when they were approved for their license.

Our business, Kashim Inc. DBA Tailgaters Sports Bar & Grill (located at 161 W. Parks Hwy, Wasilla) has been in operation under the current ownership since 2006 under a Tourism BDL, and has, as such, complied with the long standing condition of maintaining 10 rental rooms on the property. We have been in communication with the City of Wasilla relating to this matter, and they agree that the possible closure of our business would be an economic detriment to the city, as well as devastating for our business and our employees.

We fully support HB 301 and would ask that you continue to fight in support of this bill.

Thank you,

Nikki Lee
Business Manager

Kashim Inc.
DBA Tailgaters Sports Bar & Grill
907-376-1638 Phone
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Arden Rankins <ardenrankins@gmail.com>

Sunrise Inn staff

1 message

Arden Rankins <ardenrankins@yahoo.com>
To: Arden Rankins <ardenrankins@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 6:46 PM

To AMCO Members and all concerned citizens,

We all work at the Sunrise Inn and we are all very concerned about the possibility of loosing our jobs if AMCO proceeds with possible changes to the Tourism Liquor License (TLL) requirements. The proposed changes to the number of rooms that the Sunrise Inn would have to build (30) in order to retain its Tourism Liquor License is totally unacceptable and impossible. We are a community of about 250 residents. Our closest neighboring community is Moose Pass which is 18 miles away. Our community exists because of summer tourism. For 9 months of the year we rarely have anyone in the motel. If this potential change becomes law the Sunrise Inn would have to close it's doors. Most of us have lived in Cooper Landing for many years and we love it here. It is where we have set our roots, made friends, have purchased expensive property and it is where we want to raising our children and eventually retire Our hearts are in this community!

We would like to invite everyone on the AMCO board to come in Cooper Landing and get first hand knowledge of what an amazing place Cooper Landing is and how the Sunrise Inn is in many ways the center of our community. The Sunrise Inn is one of 2 places in the Cooper Landing that offers year round employment and it is the largest year round employer. If the AMCO board forces new rules dealing with populations and motel room requirements we will all be forced to leave the community as the Sunrise Inn will close down. We absolutely do not want to be forced to move because of what seem to be very unrealistic possible changes to TLL requirements. We respectfully ask you to visit each one of the 34 places that have a TLL and judge us all on a place by place basis. If we are not operating within the legal requirements currently set for TLL then take action on the offending businesses only. We also want you to be able to see that Cooper Landing is very rural. It will become very clear that we are not like a huge metropolitan area where separate cities all run together and appear to be one entity. Combining the populations of numerous small communities and then placing unrealistic requirements based on this skewed numbers is foolish at best.

Please give any decisions that you make serious consideration. Your decisions will directly effect our lives and the core of our community. Making the Sunrise Inn build 30 additional rooms to retain its TLL will put 10 full time year round people out of work and force 10 families to move. An additional 20 people will have to look elsewhere for summer employment. Homes will have to be sold quickly or they will be lost to the bank. Our school will loose children. There will no longer be a safe spot to stop on what can be a very a dangerous highway between Girdwood, Seward and Sterling. There will be no place open that you can count on for gasoline. There will be no social gathering place for the community. We can think of numerous reasons to leave the law as it currently is and we can see NO POSITIVE reasons to change the law.

It is our understanding that AMCO falls under the government heading of Economic Development. If we are correct in this then we respectfully request the AMCO members to do what is best for economic development in the state at a time when we badly need additional jobs. Changing the TLL laws and forcing businesses to close down because the changes required are impossible, ludacris and 100% unrealistic would be to go against exactly what economic development means.

It is our joint opinion that somewhere in the political process common sense has been lost. The negative outcome of rewriting the TLL laws far out does any potential gain if there is any at all. If there is we are unable to find it.

Please consider our request to come and visit both the Sunrise Inn and Cooper Landing. If you are like us you will want to live here too!

Respectfully,

The staff of the Sunrise Inn

Franklin
William Koenig

Richard

Scott Defoot

Corey Robinson

Jon James Construction LLC
PO Box 761
Cooper Landing, Alaska 99572
907-595-1598

January 17, 2018
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
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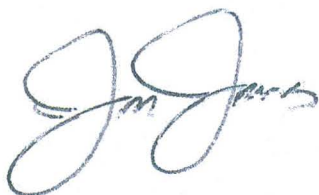
RE: Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing Liquor License

Dear AMCO staff,

Jon James Construction does not support change to current regulations that would result in the loss of Cooper Landing's Sunrise Inn current liquor license. Sunrise Inn is the only motel, café and bar to remain year round open. Loss of this business would impact the tourist and residents of our community. Our business relies on the hotel year round to house our subcontractors on our building projects.

Please consider grandfathering Sunrise Inn under old requirements and require new applicants to abide by the new rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon James', written in a cursive style.

Jon James Construction LLC
PO Box 761
Cooper Landing, Alaska 99572
907-595-1598

Donald W. Johnson
PO Box 532
Cooper Landing, Alaska 99572
907-595-3671

Dear sirs:

I am the direct next-door neighbor to the Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing. I do not drink alcohol, but I depend on Sunrise Inn to remain open for business, otherwise I have to eat my own retired bachelor fare 24/7.

Many of us local retirees gather at Sunrise Restaurant in the winter season, grateful to Arden for keeping it open. We certainly recognize that our inexpensive breakfasts and lunches are "underwritten" by the bar business, and the liquor license is the key to Sunrise remaining open for the rest of the community who otherwise would be stuck at home all winter.

As Sunrise's direct neighbor I am grateful to the Sunrise Inn and its big-hearted and community-conscious owner.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Donald W. Johnson
Resident Cooper Landing

Jon & Laura James
PO BOX 761
34630 East Quartz Creek Road
Cooper Landing, Alaska 99572

January 17, 2018

Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office

550 W 7th AVE, STE 1600


Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: Tourism Liquor License for Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing

To whom it may concern,

We do not support changes to current regulations that would remove Sunrise's Inn current tourism liquor license. The Sunrise Inn is very important to seasonal visitors as well as year round residents of Cooper Landing. This license is very important for Sunrise Inn to afford to be open. Please consider grandfathering the business in good standing and apply these new regulations to new business seeking same license.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon & Laura James", written over a horizontal line.

Jon & Laura James

Residents in Cooper Landing

JENNIFER HARPE KENAI RIVER FLY FISHING

P.O. Box 753 Cooper Landing AK 99572
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January 27th 2018

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to the current changes proposed by the AMCO board that could affect Sunrise Inns Tourism Liquor License. As a 15-year home owner as well as a business owner in the town of Cooper Landing, I strongly oppose any changes being made that would put Sunrise's License in jeopardy.

To try and combine all the towns on the Kenai Peninsula that are not incorporated into one populous in the vastness of Alaska is an unreasonable proposal. Each town within the current proposed combination are separated by not just a few miles, but in many cases, well over 60 miles a piece from each other. As someone who runs a business that accommodates tourist during our only true working months, limiting our resources that would be available for our clients both before and after being on the river with our company would be detrimental to our business as a whole.

Sunrise is a vital part of this small, limited community. It serves as a meeting place for social activities, town gatherings, food and lodging. Arden Rankins has been an outstanding business owner and a vital person in our community. She has employed up to 30 workers within a working year providing much needed income for families in our town. She has served on many boards alongside myself and others helping keep tourism afloat, and gives back to the community on many other levels.

Putting Sunrise Inn in a situation where they are forced to close their doors with the proposed changes would not only impact one restaurant and the employees, it would impact all the

surrounding businesses and families in our very small town. I hope that the right decision can be made for Arden, Sunrise and the community of Cooper Landing.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Harpe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jennifer Harpe
Kenai River Fly Fishing

To whom it may concern,

Recently I was made aware of the potential changing in liquor licensing in my area. I live in Cooper Landing with my family of 3 year around. If the changing of the liquor licensing goes through it will dramatically affect businesses in our community, almost all of which are based on tourism. There are a couple of exceptions, that currently have liquor licenses and have had them many years, that will be most affected. One of these businesses not only provides a service for tourism, but also a staple community cornerstone for the year-around residents that remain through the winter. Whether it be lodging, a warm-kitchen-meal in the café, an oasis gas pump (on a stretch of highway that offers near no other options from Anchorage to Soldttona), or a place to catch up with winter friends. But most off all, the Sunrise Inn provides a service to the families that live in this beautiful secluded area, most of who live here to provide services for tourism, which props up the beautiful Kenai Peninsula, as well as our Great State. To not let the Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing (and other places in this similar situation) operate as it has for many decades, with its current liquor license, will prove detrimental to the business, and just the same to our community of Cooper Landing. My family of 3 supports the Sunrise Inn and it's keeping its liquor license as is.

Thank You

Micah and Paige Booze
PO Box 841
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*Cooper Landing
Community Library*

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Cooper Landing, Alaska 99572

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Web site: www.cooperlandinglibrary.com

January 13, 2018

I am writing on behalf of the Cooper Landing Community Library to comment on the proposed change in regulation for the Tourism Liquor Licenses in Alaska. It has come to our attention that the Alcohol Marijuana Control Office has proposed to group together the entire population of unincorporated communities on the Kenai Peninsula, thereby adjusting the population of Cooper Landing from the actual 300 to approximately 2,500 people. Even in the summer when the seasonal businesses are flourishing, there are seldom that many people in our community. By executing this change, the Sunrise Inn would be required to build an additional 30 motel rooms in order to maintain their Tourism Liquor License.

It has also been made known to us that this requirement would cause the Sunrise Inn to close its doors due to the cost of building so many additional rooms. This is totally unacceptable. The Sunrise Inn is a full-service restaurant, bar, and motel that serves the community throughout the year. It is the only motel that is open during the winter to provide food and accommodations to those visiting or passing through.

The Sunrise Inn is the venue that supports fund raisers, holiday dinners, birthday celebrations, memorials and numerous other community social events throughout the year. It is the place where the Library holds our annual Library Sweepstakes Fundraiser as it has the space and can provide a buffet and beverages for the nearly 100 ticket holders who attend. The loss of this venue would leave us on folding chairs with paper plates of food on our laps. Closure of this establishment would also cause job loss for both local residents and seasonal workers.

We as a board feel that this change in regulations is grossly unfair to the small businesses on the Kenai Peninsula that would be affected. We assert that, should this go into effect, the businesses currently holding the Tourism Liquor Licenses should be grandfathered in under the original licensing regulation.

The Sunrise Inn, under a few other names throughout the years, has been a part of our community since it was built in 1955 and known as Bryson's Place. It is an icon that travelers first see when coming to Cooper Landing. We sincerely hope that you will take into consideration our comments. We do not want to lose the Sunrise Inn, nor the other small businesses that would be affected by this change.

Yours truly,



Kay Thomas, Director

January 8, 2018

The Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing, Alaska, has been a valuable dining/bar establishment since 1958. I moved to Cooper Landing in 1983 so I have patronized it for 35 years. It serves as a eating, socializing, bar, meeting place and holiday party place for not only the locals but a traveling tourist public! It has been brought to my attention that it would be forced to close forever because AMCO would like to change laws that would force The Sunrise Inn to lose its liquor license and thus be put out of business economically. I understand that this involves re-calculating populations of small communities that could result in economic disaster for the Sunrise Inn if it was required to build another 30 motel rooms in order to maintain the Liquor License. It would be impossible to economically survive that grandeur of a business plan. If the Sunrise Inn was forced to close there would be no dependable service of it's kind in the off season. It's closure would affect up to 20 employees. Employment in Cooper Landing is already a challenge and this would surely have far reaching affects on the community at large.

This town is a tourism town. Without tourism we would no longer be viable as a community. Without tourism, facilities such as the Sunrise, the population would diminish and with it the school and other public facilities. The effects are not often taken into account when laws such as the AMCO proposes to change.

I support letting the Sunrise Inn keep its Tourism Liquor License. To put all the small communities into a group population is disingenuous. If laws are to be changed, it should not adversely affect the business owners and communities that have so often struggled to stay viable. This establishment has been in operation since 1958. Let it remain so.



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January 21, 2018

Subject: Potential Changes to Alaska Liquor License Changes

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Arden Rankins, Owner of the Sunrise Inn, Cooper Landing, Alaska.

I first came to Cooper Landing in 1985 and bought a home there in 1989. I sold my home in 2012 but come back several times a year. The Sunrise Inn foot print has not really changed since 1985. Yes! There has been upgrades during the last 32 years but the buildings are the same. The hotel, restaurant / bar is a historical complex for the residents of Cooper Landing.

Arden Rankins bought the property in November 2015 and the liquor license was transferred to her. After performing many upgrades, she reopened the Sunrise Inn on Valentine's day 2016. Her decision to purchase the property was predicated on the potential sale of goods and services that the entire complex was able to generate. This included the rental of hotel rooms, sale of gasoline, sale of food and beverages, rental of RV parking spaces and the sale to alcohol.

The Sunrise Inn has remained open all year and is the only large property open for business in Cooper Landing during eight months of the reduced tourist season. It is the community social gathering place for live music, dancing, special events (NRA yearly fund raising dinner, Library fund raising dinner, Forest Service meeting, Halloween party, New Year's Eve party, Community Thanksgiving dinner, etc.)


Of more importance is the safety aspects that the Sunrise Inn provides. Between Girdwood, Seward and Sterling, the Sunrise Inn is the only year round place that the twin 53 foot tractor-trailers can stop for rest and food. This is also true for all vehicles during emergency road closures caused by avalanche and auto accidents. It is the place where people can get gas, meals and hotel rooms. Arden also provides assistance to travelers by assisting them in getting places to stay within Cooper Landing if the Sunrise Inn is full.

The Sunrise Inn needs to stay in business to support the community and the people traveling to and from the Kenai Peninsula. It was built in 1958 as one of the original Alaska Road Houses, and has had a liquor license since 1962. It is a historical landmark and the beginning of the Kenai adventure for tourists. The services provided by the Sunrise Inn must be continued.

Since the ownership of the Sunrise Inn has changed four times in the last 32 years, there should not be a change now in the required number of hotel rooms, in order to have a liquor license. If there is a change, then it will be impossible to sell the Sunrise Inn. This would be very unfair.

The transfer of the liquor license in 2016 was done with no indication of a future change. It must be honored as written.

Thank you.



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Jim Janssen

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1/10/2018

Dear Alaska Alcohol, Marijuana Control Office,

I am writing in support of the two local establishments that are in danger of being shut down with the change in how you calculate the population of small towns on the Kenai Peninsula. This change will eliminate the two places that I am able to go for dinner and an occasional social outing. Eliminating the tourism Liquor License will make them unable to stay profitable, eliminating a large base of employment in these two small towns. Though I am not a regular in either establishment I am always greeted in a way that I feel like I am a regular. Please do not take away the only places that I can go for some very needed socialization and a meal that I don't have to cook.

Sincerely, Jim Janssen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Janssen", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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January 14, 2018

Attn: Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office AMCO

Re: Liquor license review
Sunrise Inn, Cooper Landing, AK

I am writing with concerns over recent changes to the way communities on the Kenai peninsula are being considered by your office, for purposes of licensing. I am a professional and retiring business owner, 45+ years in Alaska. My husband and I reside full time in Anchorage, but spend many weekends and holidays at our cabin in Cooper Landing.

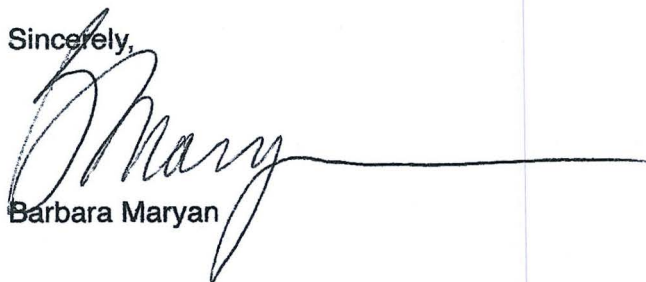
The Sunrise Inn is an important business to the livelihood of the Cooper Landing Community. It serves as a roadhouse to travelers, and a resource to the local and weekend people, providing good quality, nutritious meals, beverages and lodging. Arden Rankins has maintained and upgraded the property and the services of the Inn since taking ownership in the last few years. She and her staff have been responsible neighbors and much appreciated hosts.

The viability of the community demands that we support her business and her as a successful businesswoman. The proposed changes of statewide laws appear to distort the size and population of the community, without justification and would result in the risk of closure of the Inn.

I support a continued liquor license for the Sunrise Inn. If proposed changes to the present system are made, please consider grandfathering the Sunrise Inn license or changing it to a dispensary license as has been done in other such situations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Barbara Maryan



Arden Rankins <ardenrankins@gmail.com>

Message

1 message

Jillian Konopa <jillian.konopa.14@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 5:05 PM

To: ardenrankins@gmail.com

Dear Senators,

This town of Cooper Landing is an oasis located in the nature-kept valley of beautiful mountains. Between Soldotna, Seward and Anchorage, the Sunrise provides a convenient spot for locals and travelers alike to stop and enjoy a sit down common area year round. They can eat a meal, fill their gas or propane tanks, spend a night in the motel, get bags of ice, use the restroom, grab a quick soda or snack to eat, including many other things besides just our package liquor store and bar. Although those last two especially keep folks coming back.

Buildings are few and far between around these parts, giving us, and surrounding towns, a low population in the winter. We stick together as a small community and enjoy our time spent around the warm bar, with local art surrounding us. My name is Jillian Konopa, and I've lived in Cooper Landing for going on 4 summers, and have worked at the Sunrise since early 2016.

This oasis has given me a reason to stay the winters, and see what rural Alaska is really like year round.

I've served all types of life, from sweet babies, to grumpy elders. No matter who it is, if we were forced to close down due to updating liquor license laws, we will be taking away this community spot where many gather.

I take care of this property year round, but especially in the summer when the parking lots are littered with cigarette butts and plastic bottles. I help Arden's dad, Bill, with gardening and yard work. I've learned how to insulate a log cabin, and paint large wooden structures.

I'm able to see and meet all people in the community thanks to my position here, and as an artist, spread my artwork all over town from those connections.

I'm not trying to make this about me, but showing how much one business can impact one individual, and give them the opportunity to influence the rest of their peers.

Shutting down the Sunrise, and other businesses with the similar liquor license, would be tragic for all of the surrounding area with low populations.

This isn't just about business, it's about community.

Thank you

-Jillian Konopa

01/16/2018

RE: Sunrise Liquor License

To the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Board,

I am a full-time year-round employee of The Sunrise Cafe in Cooper Landing. This allows me to provide for my family, which includes a new son (DOB: 12/02/2017), and build a stable future for us. Yet this is not simply an end to a means; this is a position I take great pride in. I am proud to be part of the Sunrise Team.

We are an inn akin from the medieval days. Patrons have told me that after driving 100 miles in the dark and through the snow they look for our light at mile 45. We mean refuge from the storm and warm company in the long days. Our motel rooms are clean, and our food is fresh.

In the fun days of the summer tourists seek us out due to our great service, location, and all our amenities. We have a campground, a motel, a gas station, propane, gift shop, restaurant, and bar. We provide various types of entertainment throughout the year, and have a great reputation from local Alaskans. Our staff knows the trails, the fishing, the rules and regulations, and how to enjoy the outdoors safely. We support local photographers, artists, and craftsman. We take great pride in representing Alaska and Cooper Landing well.

It is a growing dream to one day take ownership of the Sunrise Café. If the Sunrise losses it's liquor license this will affect my life and the life of my family severely. The winter population of Cooper Landing is less than 350. We are over 30 mins away from Stirling and 2 hours from Anchorage. Our services should be assessed within the small community we are in. We employ 29 full time summer employees and 10 full time winter employees. We have a positive impact on our local economy and on our local community.

This Landmark needs to remain open. My family and I depend on it. Cooper Landing needs it. Alaska needs it. I would like to ask the Board to consider making our liquor license more secure. Our most current liquor license inspection was perfect. We are current and up to date on all procedures. We deserve to have the terms of our license set in stone and only under review if we chronically have poor inspections without demonstrating steps for improvement over a period of time.

Please come visit us, and the community we serve. Please call me directly if you have any questions. Sincerely,

Corey Robinson

907-598-5220

RE: The Sunrise Café's Tourist Liquor License

01/16/2018

To Whom It May Concern:

The Sunrise café is responsible for the livelihood of my fiancé, who supports myself and our newborn son. He is blessed to have year-round employment with the Sunrise as they are the only Restaurant and Motel open in the winter. This landmark is a cornerstone of not only Cooper Landing but the overall Alaskan community.

The Sunrise Café provides a glimpse for tourists into the Alaskan culture while providing amazing services. It is a great representation of Alaskans and wonderful liaison to all tourists. However, it is so much more to us here in Alaska. I have been a full-time resident of Alaska for 2 years and this is my second winter. The importance of The Sunrise to Alaskans became apparent quickly. It was more than just the amenities offered by the Restaurant and Bar or the convenience of a gas station that made it special. This was a place their parents had brought them as a child. In addition to the motel The Sunrise has a campground with campers from Anchorage, Wasilla, and all over the world. It is a place that provides safety, as well as, shelter during the long winter commute between the Peninsula and Anchorage. They could count on The Sunrise to be there, to be pleasant, and to be safe.

The Sunrise Café is the only restaurant and motel that is open during the winter in Cooper Landing. I was lucky enough to be one of the 10 full-time employees for the winter of 2016-2017 and remained on as one of the 29 full-time summer employees. My fiancé, Corey, is another of these employees. Without the Sunrise we could not remain in Cooper Landing. This winter I am staying home with our 6-week-old son while Corey remains employed at The Sunrise. The Sunrise has provided stable employment and a wonderful support system for my growing family.

The Sunrise café is essential to life here. It provides a place for the "Sexy Seniors" to relax after their weekly highway cleanup, a place for the Council to have meetings, and a place for church groups to meet. The Sunrise provides an annual free Thanksgiving Day Meal for the community. In the winter many residents of the peninsula that must commute to Anchorage use the Sunrise as a haven during bad weather. Or just when the travel becomes too much. Many patrons have expressed how relieved they are to see the glow of the open sign.

The Sunrise café may only have 10 motel rooms but with the campground and the cabin it can provide ___ patrons a place to stay. Last winter The Sunrise provided multiple DOT, Construction, and Tree Trimming employees a place to stay while they worked along the highway to maintain the powerlines and roadways. The Sunrise saved them from the expense and wasted time of long commutes from Anchorage or Soldotna.

The Sunrise Café is an amazing asset to the community during tourist season. I hope this letter reminds the reader that The Sunrise Café is important in the offseason as well. My family could not remain in Cooper Landing if the Sunrise was forced to close its doors. Many commuters would not have a place to stay between Stirling and Girdwood during the winter. Our community would have a void both here in Cooper Landing and throughout Alaska.

Sincerely,

Rachel Rolfe

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Sean Norris
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January 8th, 2018

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office
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Dear Members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

I am a lifelong, year-round resident of the Cooper Landing community and I am writing to you with concerns about the recent changes to the Beverage Dispensary Tourism License Regulations relating to the Kenai Peninsula. Currently, a licensed holder is required to provide a number of guest rooms on the licensed premises based on their location's population. However, it is my understanding that the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office has recently changed the way populations are counted. Under the new allocation all unincorporated areas have been counted together as one community; which, changes the way small town businesses can operate.

This is a concern for the residents of Cooper Landing because it changes the original population count requirement of 1,501 or less to the 15,001 to 25,000 bracket—requiring a business to install fifteen additional rooms to operate. Clumping the populations together is unrealistic and unattainable. Local businesses in small towns like Cooper Landing, Moose Pass, and Hope will not be able to keep their doors open because the cost of building additional rooms is not feasible.

Locally, we are impacted by the fear that Sunrise Inn will have to close. Built in 1958, it is the only open year-round restaurant, bar, and motel in the area. This business serves as the community's gathering place for weekly events, holidays, and get-togethers. They host many events in support of local non-profits and community volunteers including the Cooper Landing Library and School. The location is well known by tourists who stop here to see an original Alaskan Road House. The closing of Sunrise Inn would be detrimental to the entire community, tourism, and those passing through looking for a warm meal.

Thank you for your time and considering my concern. Feel free to contact me at 907-595-2022.

Sincerely,

Sean Norris

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January 12, 2018

RE: Proposed change to Tourism Liquor Licenses

To whom it may concern:

It has come to our attention at the Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corporation Inc (CLSCCI) board that in the fall of 2017 the state Alcohol Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) reviewed a 1985 law defining Tourism Liquor licenses (TLL) in Alaska. There are 34 of these licenses in Alaska, 7 are on the Kenai Peninsula. The Sunrise Inn bar located in Cooper Landing is included in this number.

The original 1985 law stated that in a community with a population of between 1 and 1500 people, an establishment was required to have 10 motel rooms to qualify for the TLL. The Sunrise Inn with exactly 10 motel rooms fell comfortably into this parameter.

Today, AMCO has proposed to change the way Alaska population is counted. By taking the population of the Kenai Peninsula, 58,059, and subtracting all of the incorporated cities/towns (Soldotna, Homer and Kenai, etc.), all communities that are not incorporated will be grouped together as if they are one community. The Cooper Landing population has been combined with Ninilchik, Nikiski, Moose Pass and other unincorporated communities on the Kenai Peninsula.

This proposed adjustment puts the population of Cooper Landing for permitting purposes at approximately 25,000. In actuality Cooper Landing has some 300 permanent residents. The Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing would be required to build an additional 30 motel rooms to remain legal and to retain its TLL. Requiring such a small group of people to provide accommodation for a spread-out population more than 83 times its actual size could be considered "unusual".

The cost to these establishments having to make motel room expansions will be excessive. The Sunrise Inn (originally built as Bryson's Place in 1955) would close. Neighboring communities (Moose Pass and Summit Lake) will be equally affected.

It is our feeling that the proposed change in regulations must not affect those who currently hold TLLs. Those establishments must be grandfathered in to preserve the investments they made under the original licensing regulations. Or the proposed change to TLL rules must be reconsidered as physically, politically and economically unviable.

The costs to the State in lost tax revenue and jobs due to the forced closing of such businesses as the Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing would be detrimental. The costs to the local community of shutting down the Sunrise Inn would be dramatic - not only in job and revenue losses but also in social interaction. Community activities, such as fund raisers, holiday dinners and many other social events, summer and winter, would suffer the lack of a venue.

Thank You, we hope you take our comments into consideration.

Ken Green CLSCCI President



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Regarding: Tourism Liquor License for the Sunrise Inn, Cooper Landing, Alaska

Dear Sirs,

My name is Alex Kime. I am the direct neighbor of the Sunrise Inn property and share 800 feet of their southern property line. Our business, Alaska Horsemen Guest Ranch is located on our property. From here we manage over 5 cabin rentals and also run horseback trail rides and carriage rides.

The Sunrise Inn is an important amenity to our ranch. My cabin guests depend on them for some of their meals as well as enjoy their bar/lounge. I advertise that we are next to a café and lounge in my marketing. We also cater to their guests on occasion with our horse drawn carriage as well as depend on them for our carriage rider's hot chocolate with curb side service. They send us horseback riders. We send them customers.

For 20 years we have conducted our business next to the Sunrise Inn. We have never had a complaint or a negative instance in all our time here. They have been excellent neighbors.

Sunrise Inn is the only café and lounge that is open year around in Cooper Landing. Their lounge is an important social gathering for our community. They have always been a community oriented business.

The Sunrise Inn was established when we pioneered statehood! This roadhouse has been a destination for 60 years. I cannot believe that I have to write this letter. Where is the common sense of the liquor board to suggest closing this establishment as well as the burden and stress that this issue may put on the owners? This closure would devastate our tourist oriented community.

Sincerely,

Alex Kime
Owner



Cooper Landing Community Club, Inc. CLCC

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January 8th, 2018

Honorable Peter Micciche
State Capitol Room 514
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Dear Senator Micciche,

On behalf of the Cooper Landing community, we are writing to you about our concern with the recent changes to the way populations are counted for Beverage Dispensary Tourism License requirements relating to the Kenai Peninsula. It is our understanding that the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office has recently changed the way populations are counted by combining the populations of all small unincorporated towns on the Kenai Peninsula together as one community. This puts businesses that were previously operating under the 1,501-population bracket into the 25,000-population bracket. By doing so changes the way businesses in our town are able to operate and negatively impacts our community.

This is a concern to Cooper Landing residents because businesses currently operating under the Beverage Dispensary Tourism License would no longer be able to meet requirements and would be shut down. The cost for those businesses to build 15 additional rooms is unfeasible and unsustainable.

Locally, our oldest standing restaurant, bar, and motel is being impacted. In operation since 1958, the Sunrise Inn services as a town landmark and gathering place. Many locals meet here to get a bite to eat, purchase gasoline, and participate in town socials. Sunrise supports the community by offering free meals on Thanksgiving, honoring local volunteers with an annual barbeque luncheon, and supporting local non-profit organizations by hosting fundraising events. Sunrise not only supports locals, but also is a designated tourist attraction. Well known for long standing operation, tourists stop here from around the world for a warm meal after their outdoor excursion. Many folks passing through also stop for a gas fill-up before heading to Anchorage or for a cup of coffee. This change impacts more than just the business owner.

We would like to see the population count for the liquor license be based on the business' zip code, not as a mass population count. Cooper Landing's population is nowhere near the 1,501 mark, let alone the 25,000 mark.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Feel free to contact us about how this issue impacts our community at CooperLandingCommunityClub@gmail.com or by attending our next meeting on January 25th at 6 pm.

Sincerely,

Kristine M Route

Kristine Route
Cooper Landing Community Club President

Alaska Clearwater Sportfishing Inc.
Zack Walters Owner / Fishing Guide
January 18, 2018

Sunrise Inn Liquor License Arden Rankins

This letter is in regards to the licensing changes that will deeply effect a local business of Cooper Landing that I currently use for guest's that I take fishing throughout the summer months. The idea that my guests and I cannot go to the Sunrise Inn and have a frosty Alcoholic beverage after a great day on the river is something that cannot happen.

Arden has just purchased The Sunrise Inn and made it function as a wonderful tourism destination for our local community. The question should be.... Is this going to effect the community and peoples lives in a negative way? The answer would be YES so you should allow this wonderful business to operate like it has for the last decades.

Best Regards

Zack Walters

January 22nd, 2018

To: The Dept. Of Commerce- Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office
Re: Tourism Liquor Licenses on the Kenai Peninsula

To Whom It May Concern;

It has come to my attention that the Control Office is looking at changing regulations for Tourism Liquor Licenses which will adversely affect existing businesses such as The Sunrise Inn on Kenai Lake and the Trail Lake Lodge in Moose Pass.

Apparently, these new rules would require there to be so many rooms added (30 additional rooms for the Sunrise Inn, from what I read) that this would create an undo financial burden on these businesses that would put them both out of business and many of the other 34 businesses involved.

I am writing to urge the board to, at the very least, grandfather in existing businesses so these mainstay, community-center businesses are not forced to shutdown because of catastrophic, overly burdensome governmental regulation changes that just come out of the blue for no easily understood or apparent logical reasons.

The people that invest in these small businesses are a special breed of hard working people that are in short supply. Alaska still has a long way to grow and forcing existing businesses out of business with unnecessary added regulations, will only send Alaska backward instead of progressing forward.

Not only has the Sunrise Inn been in existence and serving the community of Cooper Landing and all the homes surrounding Kenai Lake for well over 50 years, but it also has been a shelter in emergencies and a place to turn for everyone in that area during hard times. And times are frequently hard here. During the recent wildfires in that area that threatened many lives, included dozens from the "Camp K Children's camp" just a few miles away up Snug Harbor Road, the children that could not be picked up by their parents, were taken in by The Sunrise Inn until these massive fires were brought under control. "Camp K" is sponsored and paid for by major oil and big business donors and prominent Alaskan families from all over the state. These sponsors would be most unhappy to see their kids' camp made less safe because a major part of the communities of Cooper Landing and Moose Pass, these businesses operating on a shoestring, have been forced out of business by excessive government regulations.

Truckers stop at The Sunrise Inn along the Sterling Highway when they are doing long hauls from Anchorage and Fairbanks to Whittier,eward, Soldotna, Kenai and dozens of other communities throughout Southcentral Alaska. It is really a safety stop for truckers and tourist-drivers in general.

I have seen these businesses struggle to keep open during the winters with the few rooms they have now, and the demand for food and gas, as the seasons go from busy to slow. Anything larger than these businesses will definitely not survive, especially if some outside corporate entity thinks they can profit here and syphon any meager profits off. They will not survive. Just look at all the new hotels that have been built recently in Anchorage that are not reaching full capacity anymore as our economy slows. And Anchorage is supposed to be our state's economic hub! These tiny communities are far too small to support anything larger than what is currently there. Gas is not a money-maker, and food is for the most part a loss leader. The loss of their Tourism Liquor Licenses would destroy these businesses.

Alaska tourism is about fishing, hunting, log cabins, cabin-style motels, the world-famous Kenai Lake and river, wilderness, etc. As a lifelong Alaskan businessman born and raised that has seen the Alaskan economy boom and bust, I can tell you nothing long-term, more than what already exists here can be supported, or paid for, by these businesses. It is simply unaffordable. To force these proposed regulation changes on these businesses would be another example of the government mismanagement that is now getting the media spotlight because of this state's current \$ 2.5 billion dollar budget deficit. Please reconsider these changes.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Letter in support...

From: lthuskys@gmail.com

To: ardenrankins@yahoo.com

Date: Friday, January 19, 2018, 5:47:34 AM AKST

Hi Arden!

Were in Thailand right now but I wanted to write something for you to print out. Its not going to be as formal as I normally would as its on a tablet, but I wanted to get my 2 cents in as your establishment is VERY important to our community. Here goes~

Jan. 19, 2018

To whom it may concern:

I'm a community member and business owner in the town of Cooper Landing. It is a healthy town rich in history for which The Sunrise Inn is a major factor. This establishment is far from being just a "a local watering hole", no the Sunrise is a place where community events are held and fundraisers; Ms. Rankings puts on a 100% free Thanksgiving dinner for locals out of her own pocket and her heart every year. We are not a town to be lumped together with other towns such as Hope or Nikiski; that designation is inappropriate and nonsensical. The Sunrise Inn is the second oldest establishment in Cooper Landing which I talk about on historical tours I do of our town. It is an institution that has earned grandfather rites to remain with doors open and operating to its fullest potential; the only way to allow this is to keep the liquor license in good standing. She is the most responsible tavern owner with a wicked consciousness for safety and respect. The town struggles enough during the winters after the summer season ends; to force her to close would just add a death nell economically to our town. I would like to share that I do not drink alcohol and haven't for many years so this is not a quest to keep a bar open for personal reasons, this is entirely a passionate plea to keep our town healthy in community spirit and economically.

I ask you to NOT remove Arden Rankins liquor license so our beloved Sunrise Inn will be there for us and our children to enjoy always.

Respectfully,

Lorraine Temple

owner Explore Cooper Landing & Kahtnu Spirit Lodging

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January 10, 2018

To: Senator Peter Micciche
From: Trevor V. Ireland, D.C.

Subject: Sunrise Inn Tourism Liquor License- Cooper Landing

Dear Senator Peter Micciche,

I respect the fact that you are very busy and a devoted professional; doing what is "best for Alaska" and therefore, our nation. My present concern is focused, specifically, on the Sunrise Inn's tourism liquor license controversy.

You are respectfully requested to bring "fairness" and "alliance with the Alaskan Spirit" to this unfortunate circumstance. As a 47 year resident of our great State, serving Alaska and our Nation in many formal ways, and as a 15 year owner/resident in the Cooper Landing community, I earnestly request your cooperation and positive decision making, that benefits, not only Ms. Arden Rankins, Cooper Landing, but Alaska as a whole.

Sunrise Inn, Trail Lake Lodge and other local employers provide a future for many. They also, most importantly, encourage a community attitude for "reaching for the stars"..."going north to the future" and "pursuing your individual dreams".

My request is simple: Please allow the original 1985 law and its conditions to be complied with and Grandfathered in, or "licensed to be changed to Dispensary", or the definition of community be connected with "Zip Codes". I rely upon your wisdom and experience to bring this concern to a Win-Win conclusion.

Thank you for your anticipated review and cooperation.

Dr. Trevor V. Ireland
Licensed Physician, Alaska

cc: Ms. Arden Rankins
Trail Lake Lodge
Walt Monegan, Public Safety Commissioner

Subject: Letter in Support of Sunrise Inn Tourism License

From: maggiesklr@gmail.com

To: ardenrankins@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 1:13:13 PM AKST

To All Whom this May Concern,

Please accept this letter from two very concerned Cooper Landing residents in support of Arden Rankins and Sunrise Inn located in Cooper Landing Alaska. To realize and understand what she could be facing in regards to a 1985 law defining Tourism Liquor licensure in Alaska. The idea that our greatly loved, incredibly appreciated friend, neighbor and colleague would need to build an additional 30 hotel rooms in order to be legal is completely without any sense and is not possible with respect to the physical ramification to the property or the insurmountable expense which would cause her to shut down our cherished local landmark.

Sunrise has been a part of the Landing since I was two years old and was the first restaurant I ever experienced. It is historical and an integral part of our community.

Not only does Ms. Rankins employ 19 employees in summer and 10 in winter, the fact that she chooses to remain open in winter despite the obvious hardship, keeps our town alive on holidays when she offers up a beautiful complimentary Thanksgiving meal and all winter long when it is the only place where the few residents who remain can be together to enjoy live music a great meal, pizza, pool, darts, televised sports and the good company of special friends. To lose Sunrise in its present form or at all would be devastating and heartbreaking to our small but lovely Tourism based community which is very small and close knit and depends on tourists for existence.

This 1958 original Alaskan Roadhouse should not be put out of business because the AMCO folks are changing laws that have not been broken. Please strongly consider our request that Sunrise Inn be grandfathered or the License be changed to a dispensary license which most alcohol licenses are. Another consideration would be to have the definition of a community be connected with zip codes.

We sincerely ask that you give your strongest thoughts to our community and the people there when making decisions regarding this law as it currently is written.

Perhaps visit the establishment in order to really understand why my husband and I are writing this letter.

With grateful respect,

Maggie Kuhn & Tom McReynolds

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Sent from my iPad

Subject: Tourism Liquor License

From: norristheresa@yahoo.com

To: ardenrankins@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, January 15, 2018, 9:27:08 PM AKST

To the AMCO and to Senator Peter Micciche,

I think the Sunrise Inn should be grandfathered in with the tourism liquor license or their license to be changed to a dispensary license.

I have lived in Cooper Landing for 50 years and know how valuable it is to have a restaurant and bar open close by to go to when I want.

Sunrise has served our community well, with employment and community functions (parties, holiday celebrations, memorials, fundraisers etc.)to help our community to survive.

It is vital for tourism. People from all over stop at Sunrise while camping, hiking, fishing, boating, and other recreational activities as well as a place to stop on the way to Anchorage, Or going the other way to Soldotna, Kenai or Homer.

Sunrise provides music with artists musicians throughout the year, A motel for tourists as well as those who don't want to drink and drive. Also Being able to get gas at Sunrise saves time and effort not to have to drive 50 or 100 miles.

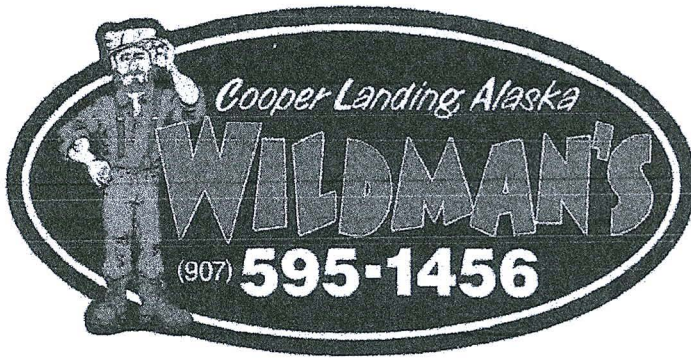
Without the liquor license, Sunrise Inn would not be able to stay open.

Please allow Arden to continue to operate her business. Thank you. Theresa Norris

PO Box 664

Cooper Landing, Ak 99572

Sent from my iPad



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January 13, 2018

State of Alaska

Alcohol Marijuana Control Board

Dear Sirs:

It has been brought to our attention that the Alcohol Marijuana Control Board is considering making changes to liquor licenses issued as a tourism license by changing the manner in calculating population in small outlying areas. The Kenai Peninsula has 7 licenses of this type that will be under consideration with populations of less than 1501 people. This is going to adversely affect Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing and Trail Lake Lodge in Moose Pass along with others in small communities in the state

Sunrise Inn has been operating in Cooper Landing for several decades. They are one of the few businesses that remain open year round and support the community with hosting fund raisers for various organizations, supporting our local school, having a potluck Thanksgiving dinner (providing the meat) for locals, promoting tourism in the summer with local bands, dart competitions and being a vital part of the community as a gathering place for meetings, and a meal.

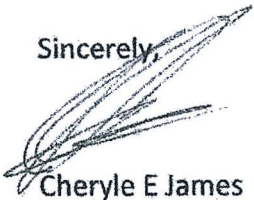
The changes of calculating the population of the Kenai Peninsula's small communities is unfair to those communities whose income, is derived by our summer tourism and activities. We all have to make our money in the summer and plan to stay open in the winter to provide services and support to the locals. The few places that stay open in the winter are some of the only year round employers in those small communities. To change the number of motel/hotel rooms required for the license based on your new population count, will put these small places out of business as there is not enough year round business to support the capital expansion costs plus maintaining the debt load or maintenance of that many units. Most of these businesses would struggle to get the financing for that major of an expansion due to the seasonal nature of the business and the amount of money generated in a 4 month window.

In an economy that is not robust at the current moment, this is an unnecessary burden for small business and small communities. Sunrise has had this liquor license for years under several owners. These businesses should be grandfathered into these tourism licenses or if you want, transfer them into a dispensary license.

The communities on the Peninsula like Cooper Landing or Moose Pass have a very small population year round but swell in the summer with local businesses opening up, adding staff and our tourist rolling into town. To lump all the small communities together and then divide up the population by communities does not take into any consideration of the uniqueness of each community and the individual businesses contributions to that community.

Please reconsider your thought process and if you want to change the tourism license requirements, grandfather those licenses or issue a regular dispensary license. It is my belief in our representatives that you will take into consideration our lively hoods and not take this extreme measure against these few businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl E. James". The signature is written in a cursive style with some overlapping strokes.

Cheryl E James

Sec/Tres.

Subject: Tourism License Support Letter

From: gephardt@arctic.net

To: ardenrankins@yahoo.com

Cc: longshot10X@hotmail.com

Date: Monday, January 15, 2018, 8:41:45 AM AKST

To Whom It May Concern:

We wish to go on record supporting Arden Rankins, Sunrise Inn and the 34 other small business throughout the state, regarding the recertification of their a Tourism Liquor Licenses.

Often these small locally owned restaurants, bars and motels are the life blood of a community. As an example, Sunrise Inn, is one of the few business to operate year round, providing a place for community events and activities, and a place for travelers to get a meal or fuel. Cooper Landing is, as in many small places on the Kenai Peninsula, very tourist reliant; specifically, extremely busy in the summer, but relying on stop-in business during the winter, which tends to be very slow. Most businesses must make enough in the summertime, to finance their operation in the winter.

To change the rules, i.e., the way the population is counted, as well as lumping all the small areas into one community count, is ridiculous. Not only are we **not** one community, we are diverse in area, accessibility, and population base. Most of these small businesses would not make enough money to continue to operate - even on a summer only basis, taking more people out of the working community. In Cooper Landing alone, that figure would be 10 permanent positions and 19 seasonal employees. Permanent positions in Cooper Landing are few and hard to come by.

I can't see that this change would improve our community, the owners or the State of Alaska in general. This is not a cost saving measure. As usual, the rural areas of the state just don't seem to be important, in the Government scheme of things. Why take something that isn't broken, is working, and change it just because it was implemented in 1985 and "needs review"?

Please reconsider this l'il-advised move. If you think it is necessary for the future, then grandfather the existing, compliant businesses and change the way new licenses are issued.

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Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaner

Mayme Ohnemus, Agent

P.O. Box 754

Cooper Landing, Alaska 99572

January 15, 2018

Alcohol and Marijuana Control
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

AMCO.regs@alaska.gov

RE: Revision of method for issuing tourism liquor licenses and resulting consequences to small communities

To whom it may concern:

I have been a resident of Cooper Landing since 1968. I am very concerned about the effects the proposed revision of the method for obtaining a tourism liquor license would have on our community and the other Mom and Pop businesses in surrounding communities on the Kenai Peninsula.

These small businesses are vital to the livelihood of those residents who count on them for eating at the restaurant while enjoying a social atmosphere with friends. The Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaners, a group of volunteers who clean litter around the solid waste transfer sites, are thankful for a place to eat on their weekly trips throughout the year. We celebrated 20 years of service in 2017. These businesses are the only place open in the winter months when many of the others close. In our area we are limited to three other businesses open in the winter. Wildman's and Grisly Ridge are quick stops; Gwin's Lodge and Sunrise Inn serve food, liquor and also have rooms available.

Arden Rankin, owner of Sunrise Inn would be required to increase her motel units from 10 to 30 units to be compliant with the new requirements. She provides employment for several local residents and a place to meet and eat. I personally do not frequent the bar, but friends count on sharing conversation over a drink. Sunrise Inn is a part of our community family. The owner and past owners have provided Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners for the seniors and other residents. I'm hopeful Sunrise Inn and the others will be able to keep their liquor licenses and keep their doors open as they are an important gathering place for our residents and visitors.

Please think about the effect these new requirements would have on the small business and how it would hurt the communities they serve. Please grandfather Sunrise Inn and the others for their years of service to their communities and providing provisions for the large tourism effort in Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration and support of small establishments struggling to survive.

Sincerely,

Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaner
Mayme Ohnemus, Agent
P.O. Box 754
Cooper Landing, Alaska 99572

January 13, 2018

Senator Peter Micciche
Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov

RE: Revision of method for issuing tourism liquor licenses

Dear Senator Micciche:

I understand you are sponsoring a bill concerning the Tourism Liquor License. I am very concerned about the effects the proposed revision of the method for obtaining a tourism liquor license would have on our community and the other Mom and Pop businesses in surrounding communities on the Kenai Peninsula.

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Sincerely,

Mayme

**William and Georgia Polley
35840 Denaina Circle
Cooper Landing, Alaska**

January 14, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

It has recently come to our attention that the Sunrise Inn may lose its Tourism Liquor License. Our understanding is that this potential loss is due to an administrative change in how the Borough calculates populations in incorporated and unincorporated communities; and that there is no wrong-doing on the part of the Sunrise Inn. Please correct this unfortunate situation. The Sunrise Inn is an integral part of Cooper Landing - for residents and tourists alike.

Sincerely,
William & Georgia Polley

Subject: **Sunrise Letter**

From: kfrannyf@gmail.com

To: ardenrankins@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, January 13, 2018, 12:46:53 PM AKST

To Whom it may concern,

The Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing should be able to keep its Tourism Liquor License, or some form thereof. As a small business owner in Cooper Landing I am certain that our town would not exist if we didn't have tourists and the businesses that support them. During the winter months there is very few residents, maybe 150 or 200. In the summer with the arrival of seasonal employees (at least 20 of which are employed at the Sunrise Inn) we may have 1000 residents. It is only with all of these businesses can we support the 500,000 tourists that come to the Kenai Peninsula every summer. Importantly it is the only restaurant, gas station, motel, and bar that is open in the winter in a span of at least 50 miles in any direction. Winter travelers have relied on the Sunrise Inn as a rest stop since 1958.

Living in a small town two hours from Anchorage, where a large majority of the homes are vacation rentals, half of the residents are fishing guides, and access to 1,000,000 acres of public land, we all rely on the few restaurants and motels to house and feed our visitors. Cooper Landing is a tight knit community of hard working individuals and we don't want to see the Sunrise Inn close its doors, which would happen without the liquor license.

Thank you, Katie Feichtinger
Frozen Tree LLC
kfrannyf@gmail.com

Subject: **letter of support**

From: karenbutton@riseup.net

To: ardenrankins@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 12:31:22 PM AKST

Arden,

We met a couple years ago at Sunrise after your purchase. Please read through my statement of support and let me know if there are any changes you think would make it stronger. Or if you would like it in another format.

Good luck with this!!

~Karen Button

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8 January 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Since the late 1950s my grandparents, then my parents, and now my siblings and I have been a part of Cooper Landing where we own property on Snug Harbor Road. The Sunrise Inn has played an important part of our history in Cooper Landing. In the late 80s/early 90s one of my sisters worked at Sunrise as a cook while all of us have eaten meals at the restaurant, enjoyed cocktails at the bar, played shuffleboard, listened to music, or bought 6-packs to take back to our cabin for a lakeside bonfire.

Roadhouses across Alaska have struggled to keep their doors open, but their history remains an important asset to who Alaskans are collectively. I know Sunrise is one of those that has struggled over the decades, so I was thrilled to learn there was a new owner a few years back. After meeting Arden Rankin I was even more pleased; her vision and passion for revitalizing Sunrise, keeping it local, vibrant and open year-round is wonderful.

I cannot imagine Cooper Landing without Sunrise Inn, which is what I fear could happen should their Tourism Liquor License be revoked, based on changes the Alcohol Marijuana Control Office is proposing. The way I understand it, population of a community would now be determined by aggregating *all* unincorporated communities. I don't support this new change at all. It seems highly unfair to businesses that have complied with the law over the years and now, through no fault of their own, would be in violation of it. I understand it would also negatively impact Trail Lake Lodge (and likely other roadhouses I would be sorry to see affected).

I urge reconsideration of this change to the Tourism Liquor License law. At the very least, those who have licenses should be "grandfathered" should the proposed change become law to ensure these establishments can remain in business.

Respectfully,

Karen Button

Phil Weber  
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Cooper Landing, AK 99572  
January 11, 2018

Alcohol, Marijuana Control Office  
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State Office Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

The purpose of this letter is to protest recent the decision by the AMCO to redefine how Tourism Liquor Licenses are determined. Combining varied communities located on the Kenai Peninsula into a single entity causes a major negative impact on each of these scattered unincorporated communities in terms of economic viability. As a resident of Cooper Landing I can speak specifically to the economic impact that the AMCO decision will have on this small community.

Cooper Landing is a small unincorporated community of about 300 people on the Kenai Peninsula which is completely dependent on tourism for its economic survival. In the summer there is a great influx of both seasonal workers and tourists coming to the area because of the scenic surroundings and well as world class fishing.

Sunrise Inn, located at Mile 45 of the Sterling Highway, is a key contributor to the economics of Cooper Landing both in the summer tourism peak as well as the winter. Sunrise Inn provides employment to 10 people year around and another 20 during the peak tourist season. The loss of the current Tourism Liquor License would significantly effect the employment of many people. Sunrise Inn also functions as a gathering place for local community events, such as the annual Library Sweepstakes drawing, memorial gatherings for residents who have passed as well as birthday and other special occasions. Plus, it is one of only a handful of small businesses in Cooper Landing that stays open all winter.

The loss of the Tourism Liquor License currently held by Sunrise Inn would cause the establishment to immediately close. The AMCO revised policy to combine unincorporated cities into a single population count would require Sunrise Inn to build an additional 30 rooms in order to qualify for a Tourism Liquor License. For a small establishment like Sunrise Inn, the major construction to add 30 more rooms is neither economically feasible nor practical.

The closing of the Sunrise Inn would result in a major negative economic and social impact to Cooper Landing.

I would encourage the AMCO to

January 10, 2018



COOPER LANDING  
— Chamber of Commerce & CVB —

Senator Peter Micciche  
145 Main St Loop #226  
Kenai, AK 99611

Dear Senator Micciche,

We are writing you regarding the status of Sunrise Café & Inn and their Tourism Liquor License in Cooper Landing, Alaska and the potential state law changes underway and how it negatively impacts these small businesses and the communities that depend upon them.

Not only does Sunrise Café represent an historical establishment in our small town, it is also one of the only businesses that is a year-round employer of local residents in our community. The owner, Arden Rankins has been an active member of our community for over 18 years; owning and operating two very successful tourism based businesses. Her businesses are thoughtfully managed and active in our local Chamber of Commerce. She hosts our annual Cooper Landing Community Library fundraiser, caterers to our Cooper Landing Senior Citizens, Inc. every week after they provide trash clean up in Cooper Landing, Hope and Moose Pass. She provides great services, food and drink to her guests. In the winter, locals flock to the Sunrise Inn after a snow machine ride in the mountains or to watch the Sunday Night Football Game and enjoy hot wings and a beer. She brings events to the community in the winter; the dart tournament draws guests from as far away as Palmer. In the summertime, she has promoted some wonderful musical acts which draw crowds from near and far. While sitting at the bar, many out of town guests have been turned on to a local fishing guide or to a rafting company due to Arden and her employee's love and knowledge of Cooper Landing and their desire to spread the wealth throughout the community.

We are fully in support of Arden and are fully in rejection of this attempt to increase requirements on businesses like hers which we believe should be grandfathered in under old regulations. Unfortunately, you cannot claim to support small businesses while at the same time, encouraging regulations and rules that would put undue stress on small businesses.

If this requirement passes, Sunrise Café and Trail Lake Lodge in Moose Pass, and many others like it on the Kenai Peninsula would be forced to close their doors. The business that Cooper Landing sees in the winter is often centered on the availability of rooms, food and liquor at the Sunrise Inn. Also, please note, in this time of budget cuts and regression in the state, Sun Rise Café and Inn is **the only** restaurant and gas station that we have had open consistently **year-round** between Girdwood, Seward and Soldotna over the past 10 years.

January 10, 2018

I am writing as a concerned cabin owner from Cooper Landing (38042 Snug Harbor Road) and a frequent guest at the Sunrise Inn restaurant. With recent notification of the possible changes to the AMCO requirements for a tourism liquor license, I have been informed that should the 1985 law be changed, the Sunrise Inn would be severely affected, losing their liquor license and be forced to close.

My husband and I have owned a cabin in Cooper Landing for 22 years. But even before that, my father in law owned a cabin there – so the Steger family has been a customer of the Sunrise since the 1961. It has been a place that we have frequently visited because of their great restaurant and bar. We often visit in the winter months – for years the Sunrise has been the only restaurant open during the off-season. The establishment is very community minded and there are an enormous number of locals and tourists that would be negatively affected should you decide to change the criteria for their liquor license.

Cooper Landing in a tourism community. While we predominately visit our cabin in the summer – we are among thousands of people who frequent the small town throughout the year. Without people like us and all the tourists – Cooper Landing would not be around today. The Sunrise is instrumental in keeping our community alive both with the restaurant and lodge, but most importantly by employing between 20-30 employees throughout the year.

It is imperative that AMCO grandfather the Sunrise Inn – with the liquor license conditions originally included originally. Or if that is not possible – consider changing their current license to a dispensary license. The community of Cooper Landing needs the Sunrise Inn to not only thrive but to basically survive. Changes in the terms of a 1985 law should not be approved due to the detrimental effects it would have on this community as well as the 33 other communities in could affect.

Sue and Patrick Steger

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2. Grandfather Sunrise Inn's current Tourism Liquor License so the business can remain open, or
3. Convert the current Tourism Liquor License to a standard Dispensary License.

Any one of these recommendations are reasonable and would prevent the closure of a key business in Cooper Landing.

Respectively,



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Cooper Landing, AK 99572

Cc: [Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov](mailto:Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov)

The fact that Cooper Landing and Moose Pass are at least 50 miles away from the other unincorporated towns that they are now being grouped in with, does not make sense. The loss that Moose Pass and Cooper Landing would experience with these two businesses shutting down would be monumental for our small towns. While there might be some demand for more hotel rooms, the expectation that a business that primarily makes their money in the summer time, would be able to fund the construction of an additional 30 rooms is absurd.

If the proposed changes must be made to the existing rules, we believe that exceptions must also be granted. The Sunrise Inn and Arden are necessary in Cooper Landing. The Sunrise is a landmark, a large year-round employer, a promoter of local businesses and a draw to Cooper Landing. While they may eventually be able to add motel rooms as they continue to grow and build their business, to require they do it immediately with the threat of losing their liquor license being held over them is completely unsupportive of local business owners.

On behalf of the Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce and their 65 members we ask you to work for keeping the 34 licenses that are currently held under the Tourism Liquor License. I am certain you will receive letters like this in support of all 34 businesses and their owners, and for good reason.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Lesmeister  
President  
**Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce**

January 10, 2018



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— Chamber of Commerce & CVB —

AMCO Board Members  
550 W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ste 1600  
Anchorage, AK 99501

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Sincerely,



Stephanie Lesmeister  
President  
**Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce**

Subject: In Support of Tourism Liquor license for Sunrise Inn, Trail Lake lodge, The Brown Bear Saloon and alike

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From: alaskatrips@gci.net

To: ardenrankins@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 11:41:55 AM AKST

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To Whom it may concern,

I am in support of allowing the small business Tourism liquor licenses to continue to operate, especially on the Kenai peninsula and other semi-rural areas across the state

I have been in the tourism business for over 20 years and have used many of these locations, including the Sunrise Inn, for accommodations and a refreshing stop along the state highways. These small businesses represent Alaska in a very positive and unique way. Tourists want to see and experience more than the mega hotels and attractions that the bigger industries offer. These small businesses offer employment to many Alaskans. The best part of visiting Alaska is visiting the people who live here and the unique structures and environments they have carved a living out of. Pubs, bars and/or adult drinking establishments are often the places to meet "the locals". Visitors want the real experience of meeting with real Alaskans. There are countless t-shirts and promotional materials for these establishments scattered across the globe. This is positive feedback and free advertisement for our state and all the services here in Alaska. The Bird House is known world wide and prompted Chilkoot Charlie's to re-create that very Alaskan pub scene. Go to any country and a local pub in a rural area, is on most people's top ten lists.

The financial and community devastation that will be caused by this policy shift, will benefit no one. The Sunrise Inn for example, is a community gathering spot and an important cornerstone for communication, meetings and indoor leisure activity. Musicians, organizations, and private parties all depend on the space and atmosphere it has to offer. It is often the only restaurant open to the local communities. The owner Arden Rankins, is dedicated to her customers and neighbors. She can not survive financially without the profit margin incurred through liquor sales. Overhead is high for the infrastructure and customers are few in the deep winter months. The Brown Bear Saloon and Trail Lake Lodge are two more examples of struggling small businesses that need the added income that liquor sales brings. The fact that they are there, serving the community and visitors alike, is due to the income that liquor sales has provided in the past. I see no reason to pull their licenses and destroy a community establishment. No reason to limit the options for visitors to experience. No reason to send the message that unless you are a big player, there is no future for small businesses in small communities.

These establishments represent the hard working people that make Alaska a destination. They represent well and give back to their communities in ways that you can not fully comprehend. My visitors (tourists) would all agree that it is the character of the small establishments that makes Alaska unique and a great place to visit. I, as a small business owner operating in the tourism market, need more options not fewer. These establishments are a key to the economic success of their small communities, a key to visitors and a key to Alaska's unique tourism industry.

I respectfully hope that you do the sensible thing, by supporting and celebrating small business ownership in Alaska and the people and lives that depend on it.

Sincerely,

Ken Wilkinson  
Wilkinson Expeditions  
25 year small business owner

January 8,2018

To whom it may concern,

I am a senior citizen and permanent resident of Cooper Landing Alaska. What is the real reasoning behind changing the way the population is counted to have a Tourism Liquor License? How does the number of motel rooms warrant this proposed ruling? Just because an establishment only has 10 rooms like the Sunrise Inn, doesn't mean we don't depend on tourism during the summer as our main source of income. In fact, it helps to stay open during the frigid winter months. The Sunrise Inn is the only Motel/Restaurant/Bar open all year round for tourist and residents to enjoy. The owner of Sunrise Inn does many good things for the community and would be forced to close should the AMCO get there way.

Tourism is Tourism whether in Soldotna, Seward, Homer, Kenai or Cooper Landing. If it is a matter of health concerns or to many police complaints or problems, then deal with those issues. How many of the people coming up with this crazy ruling has been to Cooper Landing during the summer and winter. I can't speak for the other 6 locations, but I am certain they have the same concerns.

The Sunrise Inn employees several of the community residents and nonresidents during the summer. Do you really want to close this business? If so, that is what will happen.

Senator Peter Micciche has a bill regarding this issue which I fully support. If nothing else, at least grandfather these locations that are targeted so they may keep their Tourism Liquor Licenses.

I hope you will make the right decision concerning this issue and do the right thing.

Sincerely

Larry grant

P.O. Box 812  
Cooper Landing, AK  
99572

January 8, 2018

Alcohol Marijuana Control Office

State of Alaska

Juneau, Alaska

Re: Changes to rural Alaska liquor licenses

Dear Sirs,

It is my understanding that you have recently reviewed the liquor licenses on the Kenai Peninsula. This review prompted a change in the way that populations are being calculated for qualifications for licensing. The change would require that The Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing build an additional 30 motel rooms to continue their liquor license. This community is a tourism mecca, so the businesses here must operate on a slim profit margin and the building of 30 additional rooms would be an impossibly huge financial commitment. Since this inn is a large part of the fabric of our community, we respectfully request that there are some exceptions to this change in rules and that The Sunrise Inn be allowed to continue current operations which include a liquor license.

I understand that rail Lake Lodge in Moose Pass is in a similar situation. Please exempt them as well.

Sincerely Yours,

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From: Paul radzin6@gmail.com  
Subject:  
Date: January 23, 2018 at 10:45 AM  
To: l.radzinski@gmail.com

Honorable Senator Micciche,

We are Paul and Laurie Radzinski, residents of Cooper Landing. We would like to convey to you our support for changing the current liquor license rules regarding rural "tourist licenses".

In our village of Cooper Landing, the ability of a year-round business, such as the Sunrise Inn to stay open is essential to our community. A year-round business like the Sunrise, depends nearly solely on local support in the off season and the community depends on Sunrise for community events, gatherings, weddings, meetings (NRA, DU, etc), workshops and just general social interaction. If a business like Sunrise loses its liquor license due to the arbitrary law change, then the business will close and the community will suffer a great loss in its ability to stay together and share our vibrant Cooper Landing community spirit.

We ask that you revisit the definitions of these "tourist licenses", changing them accordingly to allow business like Sunrise to survive, thrive and employ people, or, allow for a grandfathering of existing businesses licensed under the original agreement. Forcing the closing of Cooper Landing's largest winter employee is just unacceptable.

We appreciate your support in correcting this law.

Regards,

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January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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Dear Members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

I am a lifelong, year-round resident of the Cooper Landing community and I am writing to you with concerns about the recent changes to the Beverage Dispensary Tourism License Regulations relating to the Kenai Peninsula. Currently, a licensed holder is required to provide a number of guest rooms on the licensed premises based on their location's population. However, it is my understanding that the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office has recently changed the way populations are counted. Under the new allocation all unincorporated areas have been counted together as one community; which, changes the way small town businesses can operate.

This is a concern for the residents of Cooper Landing because it changes the original population count requirement of 1,501 or less to the 15,001 to 25,000 bracket—requiring a business to install fifteen additional rooms to operate. Clumping the populations together is unrealistic and unattainable. Local businesses in small towns like Cooper Landing, Moose Pass, and Hope will not be able to keep their doors open because the cost of building additional rooms is not feasible.

Locally, we are impacted by the fear that Sunrise Inn will have to close. Built in 1958, it is the only open year-round restaurant, bar, and motel in the area. This business serves as the community's gathering place for weekly events, holidays, and get-togethers. They host many events in support of local non-profits and community volunteers including the Cooper Landing Library and School. The location is well known by tourists who stop here to see an original Alaskan Road House. The closing of Sunrise Inn would be detrimental to the entire community, tourism, and those passing through looking for a warm meal.

Thank you for your time and considering my concern. Feel free to contact me at 907-595-2022.

Sincerely,

Sean Norris

## Jan Osowiecki

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**From:** Jan Osowiecki [janoso@optonline.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 21, 2018 6:34 PM  
**To:** 'ardenrankin@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** 1985 Law for Tourism Liquor Licenses State of Alaska

Dear Sirs,

It has come to my attention that AMCO has decided to change the manner in the way the population is counted on the Kenai Peninsula. This action would not allow small businesses to hold a liquor license.

I feel strongly that these businesses that now have liquor licenses under the former laws should have "Grandfather" rights for their liquor licenses.

Enforcing a business like Sunrise Inn in Cooper Landing to add 30 motel units to their existing 10 is ludicrous. The cost would be prohibitive and they would be forced to close.

These small businesses are vital to the integrity of the State, tourism and small communities.

In the mid 60's sport caught salmon were bringing into the State \$17.00 per pound for each salmon caught! Check your facts and figures and see what these small businesses bring to the State in revenue!

From 1964 to 1974 my family owned Sportsman's Lodge on the Russian River. We worked hard and made a living. We didn't get rich, but we contributed to the State and fulfilled an asset to our community. I have property in Cooper Landing and will retire there in a few years. I would like somewhere to go to for gas, dinner, a drink. Please reconsider your changing of these laws for the benefit of the State.

Respectfully,

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Subject: **Tourism Liquor License and Potential Impact on Sunrise Inn near Cooper Landing**

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From: kennish@live.com

To: ardenrankins@yahoo.com; Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov

Date: Monday, January 8, 2018, 2:06:12 PM AKST

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Mr. Rankins and Senator Micciche,

Without this license the Sunrise Inn will not make enough money to keep the doors open. It is a tourism town and without tourists our community would likely not exist. The Sunrise hires 19 summer employees and an additional 10 employees year round. The loss of the Sunrise would mean loss of jobs to the community and negatively impact tourism. This 1958 original Alaskan Roadhouse should not be put out of business because the AMCO folks are changing laws that have not been broken. This business is requesting that they be grandfathered or that their license be changed to dispensary licenses which most alcohol licenses are.

I have been a long time user of this business and It offers great food and a rest along the rural road as well as fuel in an emergency.

Please consider retention of this liquor license and help to keep this historic roadhouse open to the public.

John

Subject: **Fwd: Sunrise Inn - Cooper Landing, Alaska**

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From: ladonnaherbert@gmail.com

To: ardenrankins@yahoo.com

Date: Sunday, January 28, 2018, 6:30:05 PM AKST

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**Subject: Re: Sunrise Inn - Cooper Landing, Alaska**

Senator Miccishe, I am writing to tell you what Sunrise Inn means to me as a permanent resident of CooperLanding. It would be a shame if Sunrise would have to close its doors to the public. Just to mention a few things - for the past couple of years (maybe more) Sunrise has been the only restaurant open in 50 miles. Sunrise many times has helped the local school with fund raisers such as serving a St Patrick's dinner and serving Thanksgiving dinner to Seniors and those who don't have a place to go- all free!! Everything happens at Sunrise even memorials - I could go on and on! I would like to request that Sunrise be "grandfathered" in or change their license to dispensary license or communities be connected with zip codes. Thank you for listening. Malcolm & Ladonna Herbert, Cooper Landing, Alaska