

Resolution of Support for Revisions to Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes

Whereas, Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes is the law regulating alcoholic beverages in the State of Alaska; and

Whereas, the Alaska Statutes, §04.06.090 states that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board “shall control the manufacture, barter, possession, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the state” and that the Board “is vested with the powers, duties and responsibilities necessary for the control of alcoholic beverages”; and

Whereas, Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes has not been substantially updated since 1980; and

Whereas, over 100 stakeholders and staff representing the alcohol industry, public health, local governments, and public safety spent over 11,000 hours of dedicated time during a period of more than three years to craft proposed revisions to Title 4; and

Whereas, the comprehensive package of recommendations will, *as a whole*, promote a fair business climate and protect public health and safety, create rational regulation for all tiers of the state’s alcohol industry, limit youth access to alcohol, and promote responsible alcohol use and reduce the harms of overconsumption; and

Whereas, the proposed revisions will, *as a whole*, benefit communities, businesses, and public health, safety and welfare; and

Whereas, the proposed revisions will benefit youth by ensuring that the penalty for underage drinking does not jeopardize a young person’s future, providing an incentive to seek needed alcohol education or treatment, and holding adults who supply alcohol to youth more accountable; and

Whereas, the proposed revisions will benefit businesses by making Title 4 easier to understand and comply with, protecting existing business investments, providing more flexibility for innovative business models, and restructuring penalties to be proportional to the seriousness of each violation; and

Whereas, the proposed revisions will benefit local governments by providing resources for education about Title 4 and new options for supporting economic development with tourism and hospitality; and

Whereas, the proposed revisions will benefit public health by preventing youth access to alcohol, preserving population limits on alcohol licenses and managing density of alcohol outlets, promoting responsible and moderate consumption at alcohol establishments and events, and regulating purchases of alcohol shipped directly to customers; and

Whereas, the proposed revisions will benefit public safety by providing resources for local education and enforcement, improving law enforcement’s ability to address violations of Title 4, and increasing availability of data about alcohol entering local option communities; and

Whereas, the proposed revisions will improve the ABC Board’s and agency staff’s ability to effectively administer and enforce Title 4 and its associated regulations; and

Whereas, the Title 4 Review stakeholder group achieved success in enacting some recommendations through passage of SB 165 in 2016, but intends to bring a comprehensive package forward in 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the undersigned on this date of _____, 2017 support the work of the Title 4 Review stakeholder group and their set of proposed revisions to Title 4.

Organization _____

Community _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Title _____