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House Labor and Commerce Committee

House Bill 192 Public Testimony

Chair Sumner, and members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. For the record, my name is Kari Nore and I serve as the director of external affairs for the Alaska Chamber. I testify today in support of House Bill 192, an Act relating to curbside pickup of alcoholic beverages sold by a package store; relating to consumer delivery licenses; and providing for an effective date.

The Alaska Chamber was founded in 1953 and is Alaska's statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members and represents businesses of all sizes and industries from across the state, representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and \$4.6 billion in wages.

House Bill 192 seeks to set up a framework for safe delivery and curbside pickup for customers throughout Alaska, a framework that was initially put in place through an emergency order during the COVID-19 disaster declaration. Allowing third-party alcohol delivery helps merchants grow their business and enables customers to purchase alcohol safely and conveniently from home, all while providing delivery drivers and businesses with additional earning opportunities.

House Bill 192 would also allow package stores to include alcoholic beverages in customer pick-up orders and offer these items in home delivery to customers. This bill would offer added convenience and provide consumers with additional access to products.

At the Chamber, we champion free enterprise, where the market determines prices, products, and services rather than the government. HB192 is a free enterprise and good-for-business bill, and we encourage swift passage. Thank you for considering the Alaska Chamber's comments.



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