



Alcohol News

The ABC Board met this week in a full two-day meeting in Juneau. Alaska CHARR will send an email next Monday to recap the many actions that the board took at that meeting. Keep an eye on your emails!

This Week in Juneau

This week Governor Mike Dunleavy gave his annual State of the State address to a joint session of the Alaska State House and Senate. The Governor focused on the need to increase economic development in Alaska. He pointed to several legislative initiatives that will aid in this effort, education funding, electrical transmission upgrades, and investing in Alaska's food security.

On the education front, the Governor is advocating for legislation that provides bonuses for classroom teachers and investing in the University system's research efforts. The Governor's House Bill 106 would authorize incentive payments to classroom teachers. Depending on where a teacher works, they could receive \$5,000 to \$15,000 per year for the next three years. With the primary focus on classroom teachers, the Governor believes this will help recruit and retain teachers. The Governor spoke about how his budget provides additional resources for the University to attain the highest research certification level available. The goal is to make the University of Alaska a global leader in research and workforce development.

The Governor will be introducing legislation to update Cottage Food regulations, increase access to capital through the Agriculture Revolving Loan Fund, and lastly, provide premium support for crop insurance. In addition, this legislation will repeal institutional purchasing limits on Alaskan grown products for five years.

Last Week's Notable Bills & Actions

HB 298 - ALCOHOL WARNING SIGNS ON LIC. PREMISES

1/29/24 – Introduced; referred to the House Health & Social Services and Labor & Commerce

committees, by Rep Gray

1/31/24 – A sponsor substitute was introduced and referred to the House Health & Social Services and Labor & Commerce committees

The bill amends the current signage for alcohol consumption during pregnancy to now include a warning for alcohol use causing cancer.

Committee Meetings Next Week

House Labor and Commerce

Feb 05 Monday 3:15 PM

HB 289 – BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

HB 251 – EXEMPTIONS FOR HOMEMADE FOODS

Feb 09 Friday 3:15 PM

SB 89 – AGE FOR TOBACCO/NICOTINE/E-CIG; TAX E-CIG

HB 203 – PAYMENT OF WAGES; PAYROLL CARD ACCOUNT

Senate Labor and Commerce

Feb 05 Monday 1:30 PM

SB 134 – INS. DATA SECURITY; INFO. SECURITY PRGRMS -- Invited & Public Testimony

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