



HB 22-1142

BEER/LIQUOR

ALCOHOL BEVERAGES EXTENDED SERVICE HOURS PERMIT

HB 22-1142- YOUR SUPPORT AND “YES” VOTE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED

A core principle of CML is local control and maintaining that for our members. More specifically, our policy statement reads that CML supports state enabling legislation that provides municipalities with authority and flexibility to address local needs, as well as supports the greatest amount of local control possible for liquor licensing and permitting.

HB 1142 would allow a local government to choose if they would like to offer Extended Service Hours permits to their liquor licensees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. Currently, these establishments may be open from 7AM-2AM. This bill would allow the local government to permit them to either open early- at 5AM- or close later- at 4AM- but they may not select both. The establishment must have the authority of both the local government and the state to operate these extra hours.

In conversations about extending the on-premises consumption hours, we requested that the choice be given to local governments, as a 4AM last call does not make sense in all municipalities. As this bill reflects that request and allows for a local option should they choose to permit Extended Service Hours, we are supportive of the bill.

CML is requesting one amendment to the bill that would require the Department of Revenue to receive a copy of the approved permit application from the local licensing authority prior to approving the application on behalf of the state. We want to ensure that the establishment does have the appropriate approvals of both prior to operating the additional hours. We have worked with both the proponents and the sponsor on adding this language.

The Colorado Municipal League, on behalf of our 270 member municipalities, respectfully requests that you support this legislation, and the CML requested amendment, to allow local jurisdictions to decide what is best for them when it comes to liquor licensing and permitting.