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Joule Wins Extension for Local Control of Alcohol

JUNEAU – The Alaska State House of Representatives today unanimously passed legislation sponsored by Representative Reggie Joule (D-Kotzebue) to extend the sunset date on Alaska law relating to alcohol beverage delivery sites.

“The legislation itself provides communities with the option to monitor the inflow of alcohol into their community through a locally operated distribution center,” said Representative Joule. “To date Barrow is the only community that has opted to utilize this option but has found it helpful in controlling alcohol consumption and bootlegging in the area.”

An extension of the sunset date gives communities more options to deal with problems on the local level, said Representative Joule.

HB 356 heads now to the Senate for consideration.

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