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**Chairman Barker, Vice Chair Arnberger, Ranking Minority Ruiz and fellow committee members.**

**I introduced this bill into my committee and passed it out of committee and carried it on the senate floor passing 38-0. The similar language with the same intent was passed favorably out of the senate only to be die from COVID-19 shut down (SB 417).**

**SB 126 would:**

- Continue to allow American Legion “class A” clubs to continue to sell alcohol during special and regulated events to members, family, friends, **but would extend these privileges** to others who might attend a wedding reception, birthday party or other event on the club’s premises.
- Be **acceptable to ABC** Debbi Beaverss (see attached statement of approval).
- Amend the Club and Drinking Establishment Act by authorizing the sale of alcoholic liquor by specific organizations for special events.
- Effect “Class A clubs” that include: any premises owned or leased by a fraternal, or war veterans’ club, as determined by the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control (Director), for the exclusive use of associates (members) and their families and guests accompanying them.
- Require a club hosting an event to provide electronic notice to the Director no less than 48 hours prior to the event.
- Require the ABC director to provide notification to local law enforcement agencies.
- Require such notice consist of the date, time, location, and names of the contracting parties of the event.
- Require the three-year retention of all agreements, receipts, and records of alcohol purchased at events.

The bill was introduced by the Senate Commerce Committee at the request of my request and was passed with no neutral or **opponent** testimony.

The bill has a minimal Fiscal note of \$10,500 - Fund for FY 2022 to make changes to the Class A handbook and implement an electronic notification system for licensees to report special events to Alcoholic Beverage Control. Notable is that appropriate liquor taxes are paid by the clubs.

**I urge your support of SB126.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Olson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**Chairman Rob Olson**  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Sen. Robert Olson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee  
**FROM:** Debbi Beavers, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division  
**DATE:** February 26, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Statement Regarding SB 126

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

In the 2020 Legislative Session, SB 417 contained the agreed upon language that is now in SB 126. Because the language was the same as previously agreed upon, the ABC did not offer testimony on this bill and instead offered to be available for questions during the hearing.

From the ABC's perspective, there are no regulatory issues with this bill.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.