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Date: October 2, 2019

To: Senator Curtis Bramble and Representative Jim Dunnigan, Chairs  
Business and Labor Interim Committee

President Stuart Adams, Chair, and Speaker Brad Wilson, Vice Chair  
Legislative Management Committee

Re: Beer Availability Work Group

Pursuant to the requirements of Subsection 32B-2-211(7), we submit this report of the Beer Availability Work Group. We met on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 to have preliminary discussions on our statutory charge to study the expected impact of increasing the allowable alcohol content of beer. Discussions followed on the availability and price of beer in the state, fiscal matters like tax revenue and local job impacts, and societal costs and harms like impaired driving and underage drinking. Identifying good data and metrics on these issues is imperative to creating good policy. Our robust discussion provided several potential avenues of such data.

Presently, we intend to continue to research these issues and reconvene in the spring of 2020, after the provisions of SB 132 are fully implemented. We anticipate comparing different metrics to draw potential conclusions about what impact raising the allowable alcohol content of beer had on the three areas we are charged to study. Our final report is due to you by October 31, 2020.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or suggestions for our study.

Best,

A blue ink signature of Senator Jerry Stevenson, written in a cursive style.

A blue ink signature of Representative Tim Hawkes, written in a cursive style.

Senator Jerry Stevenson and Representative Tim Hawkes, Chairs  
Beer Availability Work Group