

## **Government Affairs Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes – March 9th, 2022**

#### **Introduction:**

Tiffany Turner called the meeting to order at 10:02AM

#### **Present:**

**Staff:** Jordan Caron, Katie Doyle, Denny Eliason, Julia Gorton, Trent House, Samantha Louderback, Andy McVicker, Alec Northrop, Nikki Reading.

**Members:** John Bagge, Debbie Brese, Caitlin Boyer, Tracy Clark, Katie Driscoll, Shubert Ho, Steve Hooper, Caleb Lavin, Kerri Loneragan-Dreke, Julie McAferty, Glenda Millette, Dave Montoure, Brian Moreno, Linda Morton, Paul Pickering, David Porter, Travis Rosenthal, Constance Shannon, Bret Stewart, Tiffany Turner, Brian Zaugg.

#### **Agenda:**

1. **Welcome – Julia Gorton**
2. **Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:**

MOTION – Motion to adopt GAC meeting minutes from March 2nd, 2022, by Brian Moreno; Seconded by Steve Hooper. Motion passed with none opposed.

3. **Overview of Bill Tracker:**

- A. Final Budget Summary:

The team gave an overview of what our industry received in the Budget.

1<sup>st</sup>: The passage of HB 1359, which would reduce the cost of liquor licenses by half. This includes all liquor licenses and is in effect from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

2<sup>nd</sup>: \$100 million to assist restaurants that did not receive RRF funding. This funding is in the form of a grant. Our team will be working with the Department of Commerce to distribute effectively.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Of the \$100 million, \$15 million is allocated to hotels that were forced to house individuals during the eviction moratorium.

The distribution of this money will go through the Department of Commerce. We are working with their team to find a way to distribute the money fairly. The funds will be available July 1<sup>st</sup>. To qualify for funds, you would need to have not received RRF money, and you must still be in operation.

- B. Bill Tracker and Session Recap
1. Relief

- a. Passage of SB 5873, which would provide unemployment insurance relief by capping the social tax at .5%.
- 2. Tax
  - a. Defeated SB 5371, which concerns the taxation of Sugary Beverages.
  - b. Defeated SB 5513, which would expand the use of existing lodging taxes for affordable workforce housing options.
  - c. Passage of SB 5868, which expands the use of rural counties public facilities sales and use tax to include affordable workforce housing.
- 3. Employment Law:
  - a. Passage of SB 5649, which would modify the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program.
  - b. Defeated HB 1837, which would lift a 20-year ban on rulemaking on Ergonomics.
  - c. Defeated HB 1076, which concerns qui tam actions on behalf of the state.
- 4. Business Operations:
  - a. Defeated SB 5903, which would provide multi-model transportation options at drive up operations.
  - b. Defeated HB 1850, which concerns consumer data privacy.
  - c. Defeated SB 5697, which concerns extended producer responsibility.

**4. Old/New Business:**

The next GAC meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be discussing preliminary candidate endorsements.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35AM