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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Rep. Will Carpenter, Chairman, House Federal and State Affairs Committee

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**SUBJECT:** HB 2059 Neutral Testimony

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Mr. Chairman:

The ABC is neutral on this bill, which appears to make a simple change from “shall” to “may” require public streets or roadways within a common consumption area to be closed during the hours in which alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage is consumed.

ABC does have a concern with public safety if streets are allowed to be open while individuals are consuming alcohol and traffic is moving through an event. An additional concern is “or other appropriate signage” has no definition or standard, making enforcement difficult.

ABC has been working with interested parties to resolve our public safety concerns.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.