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RE: AB 3195 - Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale (Oppose)

To Dr Aragon,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, we would like to express our recommendation to **Oppose AB 3195**. On April 3, 2024, CCLHO voted to approve the oppose recommendation.

This bill would allow on-sale licensees to sell alcohol until 4:00am on Fridays, Saturdays, and specified holidays. To obtain this extended-hours license, licensees must meet certain criteria, including local government approval through an ordinance that demonstrates increased law enforcement funding to address potential safety and transportation concerns.

Historically, health officers have opposed any proposed legislation to extend the hours of selling alcohol. CCLHO opposes this bill for the following reasons –

- Extended hours may promote excessive alcohol use.
- Alcohol use/abuse leads to long-term health effects, auto accidents, violence and potential family disruption.
- The population most likely to use alcohol between 2:00am & 4:00am may be most likely to have a problem with abuse.
- Funding for law enforcement is not established in the bill. Nor would funding be required to support increased surveillance & enforcement during the extended operating hours.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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