



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Marijuana Control Board
DATE: February 3, 2025
FROM: Lizzie Kubitz, Acting AMCO Director
RE: Director's Report

I. INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes activities of the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) from the last board meetings held November 19 – 20, 2024 to the present. I have elected to provide one report for both boards.

AMCO has accomplished a significant amount of work since November. They continue to develop and maintain relationships with industry and offer great customer service to licensees. It's been a pleasure working with the staff at AMCO.

II. DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. NEW AMCO DIRECTOR

I am pleased to announce that Kevin Richard will be the new AMCO Director. Kevin comes to AMCO from within the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, having served as a financial examiner in the Division of Insurance for the last four years. He holds a degree in Business Administration and brings more than a decade of experience in business management. Kevin lives in Anchorage with his wife and children. He joins the AMCO team on February 3, 2025.

B. LICENSING

Ms. Jane Sawyer and her staff will update you on the significant work they have performed since the November 2024 board meetings and provide a status update on the queues. The AMCO Licensing Unit team currently has no vacancies.

C. ENFORCEMENT

Investigator Joe Bankowski will update you on the activities of the AMCO Enforcement Unit since the November 2024 board meetings. We are happy to report an addition to the AMCO Enforcement Unit team: Beth Rosenbaum (Criminal Justice Technician 2). The AMCO Enforcement Unit currently has one vacancy: Special Investigator I.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE

The AMCO Administrative Unit has been working hard to support the office. The AMCO Administrative Staff Unit currently has one vacancy: Administrative Assistant I. AMCO is actively working to fill this position.

E. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Both boards have the opportunity to provide an opinion after the introduction of a bill. The Board Chairs have set aside time in the agenda for the Board to discuss the bills below.

For ABC

[HB 68 \(ALCOHOL: SALE, WARNING SIGNS\)](#)
[SB 15 \(ALCOHOL: SALE, WARNING SIGNS\)](#)

For MCB

[SB 73 \(MARIJUANA: TAX/REGISTRATION; INCOME TAX\)](#)

F. ABC BOARD PUBLIC SAFETY SEAT

The Governor's Office is still looking to fill the vacant public safety seat on the Alcohol Control Board. We encourage board members and the public to reach out to qualified applicants and let them know of this opportunity.

III. CONCLUSION

The next Alcohol Beverage Control Board and Marijuana Control Board meetings will be held on April 15 – 17, 2024 in Nome, Alaska.