

To Whom It May Concern,

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I wanted to write in strong support of bill #7060. My wife and I have always traveled to cities all over the US and have always loved when you end up in an area with amazing happy hour deals going on late afternoons. From Key West, to NYC, to the west coast, we have never once encountered an area like this full of intoxicated drunks spilling out into the street from these deals at happy hour establishments. More so, just happy tourists who are excited to save some money by going out before the pm diner rush or locals who know a good deal when they see one. I don't think a cheap pitcher of beer from 3-5pm or 2 for one margaritas immediately causes people to go nuts in this day and age. It would be a useful tool for establishments to use to get some revenue started before dinner and up the staff's tip average as we all know most of us tip more when we are getting a deal.

Worst case, maybe the state could impose some restrictions if worried about dive bars offering nickel shots or something we all agree leads to bad situations, but a reasonable discount range being allowed would be a great tool for businesses to be able to use in this day and age.

Thanks for the consideration!

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