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SB 306 – Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Event Entertainment Licenses

Chair Griffith, Vice-Chair Klausmeier, and members of the Finance Committee:

Senate Bill 306 is legislation requested by the Carroll County Board of Licensed Commissioners. Currently, the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class C multiple event beer, wine, and liquor license. The license authorizes the license holder to exercise any privilege conferred by a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license at an entertainment event held by a county fire department or an arts center on West Main Street in Westminster. The annual fee for the license is:

- \$125, for not more than 10 events per year;
- \$250, for not more than 20 events per year;
- \$375, for not more than 30 events per year; and
- \$500, for not more than 40 events per year.

The bill adds a new license tier for 41 or more events per year with an annual fee of \$2,000. Additionally, under current law, the total number of days for which a multiple event license may be used may not exceed 40 in a calendar year. The bill repeals this provision.

The Carroll Senate and House Delegation voted unanimously in favor of SB 306, a letter of support and voting sheet are also included.

I respectfully request a **favorable** vote on Senate Bill 306.