



The Arlington Chamber of Commerce supports SB 1471, allowing the creation of local outdoor refreshment areas. The Arlington Chamber supports simplifying the multitude of ABC laws for the benefit of the community. The past year has forced a rethinking of how we apply our outdoor space, including for restaurant service. The outdoor refreshment areas proposed by these bills will allow localities to support our restaurants in competing for business and serving their customers. Especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and its devastating impact on restaurants, allowing outdoor refreshment service will provide an important boost for this vital industry. We encourage the committee to report these three bills.