

Fellow Licensees,

Today was the official hearing of Senate Bill 1040. The hearing lasted 2 ½ hours with Sen. Rice opening and closing the session. We had several ILBA members testify and a couple that weren't called upon due to time restraints. Idaho Licensed Beverage Association was well represented. Our lobbyist, Westerberg & Associate, worked hard for us and your letters to the Committee were a tremendous help! Thank you everyone for the calls and emails!

After much testimony from both sides of the issue, and several motions from the Senate State Affairs committee members, the committee voted to hold the bill in committee, encouraging the opposition to sit down with Senator Rice and the proponents and work on a more viable solution for both parties. (Senator Winder also commented that license holders should be compensated for any real loss, but isn't sure what that looks like.)

Senate State Affairs Committee Senator Winder moved that Senator Rice call together an interim committee to work this issue out....preferably before the legislative session is over in March! ILBA will be part of the working committee with Senator Rice as we have been given 2 seats at the table. Please send any comments or concerns you have to us, along with contacting us if you'd like to discuss the bill or have any questions. This is a huge undertaking. Please talk to your fellow licensees and let them know the situation. We will continue to post on the progress of this issue as the gears move!!

Senate Bill 1040 - <https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2019/legislation/S1040/>

Testimony against SB 1040 at the Hearing: (*ILBA members)

- *Russell Westerberg, ILBA Lobbyist
- *Roger Wood, The Nook Boise
- *Brad Selvig, End Zone Boise (ILBA Sec/Treas)
Joe Ostenmiller, Boise City Waiting list
Ted Challenger, Amsterdam Boise
Emery Houser, The Balcony
- *Wes Harris, licensee (ILBA Region 4 Director, Legislative Chair)
- *Rod Nielson, Southside Grill McCall
- *Stan Boyd, The Refuge Boise (ILBA Legislative Team)
- *Brian Donesley, The Snug, CDA (Liquor Attorney)

Also in attendance:

- *Brody Aston, ILBA Lobbyist
- *Jake Jones, Jakers Meridian, Idaho Falls, Pocatello
- *Joe DeBoard, Jakers Twin Falls (ILBA Region 5,7 Director)
- *Jefferson Jenkins, Huck-n-Finns Emmett (ILBA Region 3 Director)
- *Susan Jenkins, Gem Lounge Emmett (ILBA President)
- *Susie Stertz, licensee (TIPS Trainer)
- *Jay Story, licensee

Keep the memberships coming...this ballgame is not over! www.idahoilba.com/join

PS: I pray I have not left anyone that attended out! Thank you for being there to support Idaho's liquor licensees and ILBA. You are appreciated.

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