

On Saturday Jan 26, 2019, the Idaho Statesman ran a front page article endorsing Sen. Rice's bill (SB1040) designed to grant city and county authorities the right to issue liquor licenses, thus replacing ABC as the regulator and manager of such. All sorts of "bells and whistles" are added to make it appear that this is not devaluing the quota licenses (used term 'legacy license') with 'legacy' able to move their license anywhere in the state as well as a 10% discount at the state controlled liquor stores (which is actually 5% since we already get 5%). And this bill will control license "trafficking" ...whatever that means?

Sounds good until you take a look behind the scenes in the city and county government. The city and county government must give you permission to move your license into their domain; however, with this bill they now have the ability to grant their buddy a cheap liquor license to move into YOUR domain...city and county! How long will it take with a 10% discount to make up for your loss of income/investment? How long will it be before your city and county are overrun with bar "eating places", underage drinking, DUI's, alcohol-related incidents before your city and county are in financial and law enforcement trouble. And your license has devalued to nothing?

Sen. Rice has thrown carrots out there to make this palatable to the licensees while granting licensing rights to our city and county government. Why? To get liquor in the county? To allow any "eating establishment" the right to a liquor license? This is not economic development! This is adding more liquor outlets! Or is it to help one local and/or religious group gain power to control liquor sales in their communities in light of their preferences, which could make a checkerboard of regulation throughout the state even worse than just by giving the cities and counties authority to regulate and issue licenses?

We have worked hard and thousands of \$ spent since 2009 to keep our quota system whole. This year is no different as we prepare to battle Sen Rice's irresponsible legislation. Every year we deal with some crazy variation of the 2009 fiasco...they just keep coming back with another angle but the same bill. It's time we stop this charade and prepare our own solutions to harness this chaos. The word "archaic" needs to be replaced with "stable" when referring to **Idaho's Liquor Quota System** – a system that is stable, secure, and safe! This is much more than law and morality; Idaho's liquor Quota System is responsible stewardship. That's economic development!!!!

Let your State Reps and State Senators know you want them to vote **NO to Senate Bill 1040**. The Senate State Affairs Committees will be the committee moving this bill if it is accepted. I have attached a list of those members and their contact information. Email them immediately and urge them to vote **NO TO SENATE BILL 1040**. Stay on it...it is not going to go away unless you are heard! Be prepared to testify before their committee if needed. (BTW.... read this! According SB1040 Statement of Purpose...FISCAL NOTE: This bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund. The license fee for municipal licenses to cities and counties will defray the cost. \*\*\*Wonder what another law enforcement officer or an administrator to manage this fiasco will cost? And the cost of the nontransferable liquor license will cover this? Unbelievable!!)

WE need your letters, money, time and talent to accomplish this. Every cent we have raised since 2009 has been used to fight this battle. Any help you can give us to continue this effort will be greatly appreciated. To become a member, go to our website and click on the button ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP to submit your membership. You can also DONATE \$ by clicking on that button and specifying an additional amount. The membership one automatically deducts \$400 from your card. Both donations will generate a receipt at the time submitted. We are a 501(c)(6) organization in good standing.

1. Write your State Representatives, Senators, State Affairs Committee, Governor
2. NO to Senate Bill 1040
3. Join us in fighting this battle: [www.idahoilba.com/join](http://www.idahoilba.com/join)

4. Senate Bill 1040: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2019/legislation/s1040/>
5. Statesman Article: <https://www.pressreader.com/usa/the-idaho-statesman/20190126/textview>