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February 2019 Greetings from the **Idaho Licensed Beverage Association!** A very busy month with the Idaho Legislature in full swing; and Presidents' Day, Valentine's Day and Easter around the corner! And to add to all this the Idaho Legislature is in full swing.... issues, debates, ads, and a whole lot of promises! Idaho Licensed Beverage Association must stay vigil on all issues locally and nationally as well as the issues concerning the operation and licensing of our businesses. Senate Bill 1040 was introduced 2 days ago, a bill that would drastically change Idaho's liquor laws with potential catastrophic consequences for cities, counties, citizens, and businesses. Idaho's Liquor Quota System is a stable system – one that protects the citizens and upholds the CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT SECTION 24. PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE AND MORALITY, SECTION 25. OATH OF OFFICE, and SECTION 26. POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

DON'T BE FOOLED! With SB 1040 each City and County could add or possibly end liquor outlets in your city and your county with no liquor outlet quota oversight! This bill removes Idaho State Police Alcohol Beverage Control from any authority over the number of liquor outlets the city and county grants. Local control sounds real good until you find a pious group, a single-minded developer, a "Vegas" entrepreneur smitten with your beautiful city and county has gained control of your local civic organizations and government! Trust me...it can happen and you lose your pristine environment. Unfortunately, the author of SB 1040 claims Idaho's Liquor Quota System is "archaic" and stifles economic development. Since when did liquor become a precursor to unwavering economic development? Research shows development comes first, then liquor outlets follow....not the other way around! 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!!!!

Just this last few years we have seen a tremendous growth in Idaho distilleries, wineries and breweries giving us the opportunity to showcase and support local producers, products, tavern, restaurants and bars. How refreshing is that...to walk into one of our establishments and see a piece of Idaho on tap, in the bottle, on the shelf, displayed in Neon! This has all been accomplished within ***Idaho Liquor Quota System**. That's economic development!!

Let your State Reps and State Senators know you want them to Vote NO to Senate Bill 1040. WE need your letters, emails, phone calls going out today. The Senate State Affairs' members are listed below. Join us in fighting this battle: www.idahoilba.com/join

** Currently 16 states still issue liquor licenses based on a quota system. These states include Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, and Washington. For more information visit us: www.idahoilba.com*

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