

Good Afternoon Fellow Liquor Licensees,

ILBA has just confirmed that Senate State Affairs Chairman Lodge has scheduled a hearing on Senate Bill 1040 for Monday February 11th at 8 AM. Please try to make it a priority to attend if possible as there will be an opportunity for testimony before the Committee. If you cannot attend, please submit your story with a written statement to the Senate State Affairs Committee Members urging them to say NO to SB 1040!

SB 1040 is a very serious piece of legislation with potential for catastrophic consequences. Could our Liquor Quota System be refined some? Probably, but not with this cumbersome mammoth SB 1040. Fortunately Idaho doesn't have the data to show how dangerous removing ABC from the regulation and oversight of liquor licensing and assigning the licensing rights to each individual city and county government will be. BUT...In essence, all 201 incorporated cities and all 44 counties along with the state can have different regulations. "Since nearly 2/3 of the cities in Idaho do not have their own police departments, it would be incumbent on the Sheriffs to enforce all of these municipal regulations in those cities." Local control sounds real good until you discover 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 your local council and commissioners! It can happen and we lose our pristine environments and our "local control."

Unfortunately, the author of SB 1040 claims Idaho's Liquor Quota System is "archaic" and stifles economic development. Yesterday, in a short-lived panel discussion we attended in Boise, Sen Rice made the statement that the majority of states have "done away with the quota system" but failed to say the majority of "whatever states he's referring to" have never implemented a quota system! *Idaho is one of 16 Quota System States . As would be expected, each one of the states is distinctive in its rules, regulations and quota numbers therefore considered unique liquor quota systems. Keeping with Gov. Little's personal philosophy, the liquor quota system..."ensures the lightest possible hand of government in the lives of Idaho's citizens." The word "archaic" needs to be replaced with "stable" when referring to Idaho's Liquor Quota System - a system that is unique, "light", stable, secure and safe! Idaho's Liquor Quota System is responsible stewardship. Research proves development - at it's best - comes first, then liquor outlets will follow...not the other way around. That's economic development!

Please email these Senate State Affairs members as well as your legislators with your story and urge them to **VOTE NO TO SENATE BILL 1040**. The members of the Senate State Affairs Committee and the link to find your representatives are listed below. For your convenience, we have included links to the Statement of Purpose and the Bill. Don't be fooled!! SB 1040 will devalue your Quota License, you will see an increase in alcohol related issues with the increase of liquor establishments, and your local law enforcement (if you have one) will be stressed! Join us on February 11, 2019 @ 8 AM in the Senate State Affairs Chamber and testify against SB 1040. ILBA is your fellow beverage license holder with the same interests as you. We are the only representation during the legislature solely concerned with issues which affect liquor license ability to operate profitably, efficiently and independently. Join us in fighting this bill: www.idahoilba.com/join

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* 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.

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