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2/16/2019: Late Thursday afternoon, **February 14, 2019**, several people were invited to meet with Senator Rice to discuss his bill - Senate Bill 1040. This meeting was not an interim committee. "The primary item is the discussion of value and preserving some value with the changes," stated Sen. Rice.

The positive: specific concerns about SB 1040 were brought up. The negative: Sen Rice informed the group that we would meet again on **Tuesday, February 19, 2019** to hear his changes; AND he will be reintroducing SB 1040 before the Senate State Affairs Committee **on Wednesday, February 20, 2019** asking the bill be sent to an amending order and brought back during this session! Not what we had hoped to happen.

Trying to amend this flawed legislation with a few tweaks is not a positive move and will not preserve the value of our licenses. This whole bill needs to be scratched. It is dangerous, dubious and does not have the input of all the stake holders – obviously. No amount of tweaking can mend SB 1040 or guarantee there will not be a catastrophic domino affect with this bill.

I am positive that we can "fix" whatever the problem may be with the system without dismantling the safe, secure, stable Quota System. We can take a look at development, city and county needs and prepare legislation that fits within Title 23. This will take a group effort working together...not a select few and certainly not the bullying from a couple of associations or legislation.

I urge you to contact YOUR city's Mayor, chamber, and law enforcement to make sure they have actually read SB 1040. In Senator Rice's defense, he does want to fix what he perceives as an issue. SB 1040 is NOT the answer. Not now, not ever.

Email the Senate State Affairs Committee again to VOTE NO ON SB 1040. Please contact **your** legislators, mayor, sheriff, police, and chamber to inform them of the dangers of dismantling Idaho's Liquor Quota System and the inherent liability for cities and counties if ABC is removed from issuing and regulating liquor licensing. Your voices, experience, and input is crucial. **ACT NOW!** For more information click on the links below or visit <https://www.idahoilba.com>.

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