

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Some of our resort cities face unique economic development challenges. Idaho's liquor laws interfere with the full potential development of our resort communities because the allocation and quota system don't accurately reflect the population base. This bill works within the confines of the current system but seeks to solve multiple problems in a way that lays the foundation for a path toward a comprehensive overhaul of liquor licensing.

This bill does not create any new licenses. Instead, it authorizes no more than four licenses to be drawn from an existing pool of authorized, but unused, year-round resort licenses. At least eight licenses will remain in the pool for future use. This bill creates a resort city conference center license for conference centers placed in resort cities, as defined in I.C. 50-1044. The bill also creates a resort city restaurant license for restaurants in resort cities, as defined in I.C. 50-1044, that have passed an authorizing ordinance. The resort city restaurant license is a restricted license that limits the hours of service for liquor-by-the-drink and requires the majority of restaurant revenue to be derived from food service.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact

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