

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Today, it is illegal for a distillery to donate its own liquor to charity. When a distillery owner is asked to support a local nonprofit with an in-kind donation of liquor to serve at an event or to put in an auction gift basket, an old law prevents him from doing it. The law has been updated for beer and wine, which can legally be donated for charitable purposes. This bill provides a similar update for liquor so that a distiller can legally donate liquor to a charity. The same process used for beer and wine will be used for liquor. The bill was drafted with input from and in conjunction with the Idaho State Liquor Division and the Alcohol Beverage Control.

FISCAL NOTE

No general funds will be used for this bill. Non-profits pay a nominal fee for processing paperwork associated with the alcohol at an event, and Alcohol Beverage Control anticipates that the fee will cover staff time costs. The same fee is charged for beer and wine, so that was used as a reference point.

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