

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS33216 / S1268

This legislative proposal increases alcohol licensing and permit fees over a period of three years across the board to balance the effects of SB 1120, SB1421, and amendments to Idaho Code 23-903. The amendments to the statute prohibit the ability of any new liquor license issued after July 1, 2023, to be sold or transferred, and any existing license prior to July 1, 2023, to be sold or transferred one time under certain conditions. Therefore, it eliminated ABC's ability to continue to collect the 10% transfer fee in the future when these licenses are sold. Historically, liquor license transfer fees were a large percentage of ABC's dedicated funding. ABC has seen a dramatic decrease in liquor license transfer fees being collected post FY 23 by 47%. In addition, research indicates that alcohol licensing fees in Title 23 for beer, wine, and liquor-by-the-drink licenses have not been increased, in most cases for decades, since they were initially set by the legislature.

### FISCAL NOTE

It is anticipated that revenue to ABC would increase by approximately \$312,000 per year for three years to a total increase of \$935,500 by July 1, 2028. This is based on the revenue received in FY 2025. This legislation would not increase state spending, and there would be no additional request from ABC for an increase in appropriation.

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