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Testimony in Opposition of House Bill 230

Drastically changes the defined use for liquor license fees .

I strongly oppose the passage of House Bill 230

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Dear Representatives

Though of good intentions this is not a very good bill and openly abuses the intent of state law to collect liquor license fees for the sole purpose of operating a county liquor commission. State law demands that those fees go to that sole purpose. Any use for education was meant to be used for the benefit of those within the body of that liquor commission in their education to do the job.

This bill twists the whole intent of the licensing process and the norm that the commissions operate within a budget and license fees accordingly are determined by that budget. This is a stretch of the law and will only lead to a rapidly increasing licensing fee.

If abuse treatment and education are necessary please determine the need and the budget for that and take it from other educational or health budgets. Appropriate the money. There is adequate taxing upon the industry for health benefits so please leave the licensing fees alone and rely upon existing liquor taxes already directed toward health benefits.

Sincerely,



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