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**NO**  
**SB25-132**



# Vote **NO** on **SB25-132**

## Spirituous Liquor Manufacturer Tastings Conducted

### WHAT DOES THE BILL DO?

Senate Bill 25-132 allows distilleries to purchase alcohol from wholesalers and open three bars without adhering to the local licensing process required of taverns and bars.

### BACKGROUND

Distilleries are a type of manufacturer that is licensed solely by the state Liquor Enforcement Division (LED). Distilleries are permitted to operate one sales room contiguous to their distillery and one additional off-site sales room that sell their spirits as cocktails, flights, and drams (1.5 oz.) for on-premise consumption. The law does not require smaller pours for these establishments.

### WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE **NO**

Under SB25-132, distillers, unlike any other manufacturer, will be able to purchase alcohol wholesale and effectively operate a bar without obtaining a local liquor license as is required of all other taverns and bars. The local liquor licensing process includes community input, ensuring that the desires and concerns of residents are heard and addressed. This process fosters a sense of community involvement and ensures that new establishments are appropriate for the local jurisdiction. Local liquor licensing requirements also often include minimum distances from schools, information regarding financial interests, documentation governing occupancy, and more. Allowing distilleries to open bars without meaningful local review could result in poorly planned locations that disrupt residential areas and other sensitive zones.

SB25-132:

- **Eliminates the public engagement process** that allows municipalities to determine the needs and desires of the community
- **Undermines the regulatory framework** that municipalities rely on to maintain community standards and safety
- **Bypasses local liquor licensing processes** and strips communities of their ability to manage the density of alcohol-serving establishments, potentially leading to oversaturation and associated social issues

### YOUR **NO** VOTE IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED

Upholding the local licensing process is essential for maintaining balanced, safe, and community-aligned development.

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