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Sen. Fred Thomas, Presiding Officer
Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee

Dear Sen. Thomas and RTIC Members:

The Economic Affairs Interim Committee is considering requesting a committee bill to move the interim monitoring of the Liquor Control Division from the Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee to the Economic Affairs Interim Committee. By moving these monitoring activities for the Liquor Control Division to Economic Affairs, the thought is to keep the same legislators who heard liquor legislation in Business and Labor Committees in the House and Senate familiar with how the Liquor Control Division is implementing legislation. Currently, because the Liquor Control Division is part of the Department of Revenue, the RTIC hears any updates to Liquor Control activities or rule changes.

This informal letter is to let the RTIC members know that the Economic Affairs Interim Committee is considering the draft request and to give the RTIC an option of supporting the move through a letter or a decision to cosponsor legislation. One change for the Department of Revenue would be to send its department-requested bills affecting Liquor Control Division policies to the Economic Affairs Interim Committee rather than to the RTIC.

If you have suggestions or comments, please let staff for the respective committees know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rep. Ryan Lynch
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Sen. Gordon Vance
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