

Wyoming Liberty Index

62nd Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

HB0055, Funding for substance abuse.

Sponsors: Representative(s) Loucks and Kroeker

Comments

fifteen percent of the alcohol taxes are to go to substance abuse programs. More nanny state. Also, this produces the perverse incentive that we should drink more alcoholic beverages so as to better fund substance abuse programs. People have a right not to be hectoring, and they have the right to not pay for that hectoring. See also SF 65.

N: Moves money around, but no net effect at State level. Creates a pigeon hole (special fund) for substance abuse monies. If we knew that government had a crystal ball that was always correct, this might be a good idea. Sequestering money in a special fund that can only be used for a limited purpose in a subject area that does not have good metrics of success, let alone a scientifically effective procedure for achieving success, is little more than a device for creating a slush fund for special interests and thereby wasting public funds that have been extracted from the free market and thereby limit the free market that would most likely use those funds more efficiently than would government, government cronies and/or special interests sucking on the public tit.

Weighted Rating: -1.00. Unweighted Rating: -1.00.

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