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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Kooyenga

From: Joseph T. Kreye, Sr. Legislative Attorney, (608) 266-2263

Subject: Technical Memorandum to **2011 AB 290 (LRB-2653/1)** by **DOR**

We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file.

If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

MEMORANDUM

October 5, 2011

TO: Joseph Kreye
Legislative Reference Bureau

FROM: Paul Ziegler
Department of Revenue

SUBJECT: Technical memorandum on AB 290 – the manufacture of wine and fermented malt beverages not offered for sale.

The Department of Revenue has the following concern regarding the bill:

Under the bill, individuals would not be required to hold a permit, or pay occupational taxes, to manufacture wine or fermented malt beverages for "educational purposes", or on-site tasting, if the beverage is not offered for sale. The bill does not include a definition for "educational purposes" and a broad interpretation of the phrase may not reflect the author's intent. The department recommends the bill be amended to define the term "educational purposes" to clarify the scope of the provision.

If you have questions regarding this technical memorandum, please contact Bob Schmidt at (608) 267-9892 or robertk1.schmidt@revenue.wi.gov

cc: Rep. Kooyenga