



Aument overstates liquor benefits

It seems as though state Rep. Ryan Aument, R-41, wants to spend big, just like he and his conservative political friends rush to claim the Democrats do.

Rep. Aument is the prime sponsor of House Bill 1366, Gov. Corbett's "Passport for learning block grant program." It would use "supposed" money from the governor's liquor privatization bill to fund education.

Here's the problem. Rep. Aument also is cosponsoring HB 220, which would spend the same alleged one-time windfall on transportation.

So, Rep. Aument wants to spend the same money twice, even if it might never exist. At least Rep. Aument should know that the governor's \$1 billion windfall is a total fallacy. The governor's own study says it will cost \$1.4 billion to unwind the current system.

That's a \$400 million loss to the state, even if the governor's estimate is accurate, which it isn't.

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