

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1217

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing seized liquor to be used for training and investigations.

By Representatives Springer, Heavey, Chandler, King and Shin;
by request of Liquor Control Board.

House Committee on Commerce & Labor
Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce

Background: When liquor is seized pursuant to a warrant by a local law enforcement agency or the Washington State Patrol, the entity must report the seizure to the Liquor Control Board and deliver the liquor to the board. Law enforcement agencies must store the liquor until a board enforcement officer is available to receive it.

The board has been asked by law enforcement agencies to aid them by providing alcoholic beverages for breathalyzer training programs. However, the board has not done so because it has no statutory authority to provide liquor to law enforcement agencies.

Summary: Law enforcement agencies are required to dispose of liquor seized pursuant to a search warrant or an arrest.

The board may provide liquor at no charge, including seized or forfeited liquor, to recognized law enforcement agencies for training or investigation purposes.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	45	1

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