

2 **SSB 6253 - H COMM AMD ADOPTED 3-04-98**

3 By Committee on Appropriations

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that  
8 expenditures associated with the implementation of using credit and  
9 debit cards in state liquor stores and agency liquor vendor stores not  
10 have a negative impact to the liquor revolving fund balance and that  
11 transfers to the state general fund, the cities, and the counties not  
12 be reduced because of these costs.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.08.026 and 1997 c 148 s 1 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 All administrative expenses of the board incurred on and after  
16 April 1, 1963 shall be appropriated and paid from the liquor revolving  
17 fund. These administrative expenses shall include, but not be limited  
18 to: The salaries and expenses of the board and its employees, the cost  
19 of establishing, leasing, maintaining, and operating state liquor  
20 stores and warehouses, legal services, pilot projects, annual or other  
21 audits, and other general costs of conducting the business of the  
22 board, and the costs of supplying, installing, and maintaining  
23 equipment used in state liquor stores and agency liquor vendor stores  
24 for the purchase of liquor by nonlicensees using debit or credit cards.  
25 The administrative expenses shall not, however, be deemed to include  
26 costs of liquor and lottery tickets purchased, the cost of  
27 transportation and delivery to the point of distribution, other costs  
28 pertaining to the acquisition and receipt of liquor and lottery  
29 tickets, packaging and repackaging of liquor, transaction fees  
30 associated with credit or debit card purchases for liquor in state  
31 liquor stores and in the stores of agency liquor vendors pursuant to  
32 RCW 66.16.040 and 66.16.041, sales tax, and those amounts distributed  
33 pursuant to RCW 66.08.180, 66.08.190, 66.08.200, 66.08.210 and  
34 66.08.220.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.16.041 and 1997 c 148 s 2 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) The state liquor control board shall accept bank credit card  
4 and debit cards from nonlicensees for purchases in state liquor stores,  
5 under such rules as the board may adopt. The board shall authorize  
6 liquor vendors appointed under RCW 66.08.050 to accept bank credit  
7 cards and debit cards for liquor purchases under this title, under such  
8 rules as the board may adopt.

9       (2) If a liquor vendor operating an agency store chooses to use  
10 credit or debit cards for liquor purchases by nonlicensees, the board  
11 shall provide equipment and installation and maintenance of the  
12 equipment necessary to implement the use of credit and debit cards.  
13 Any equipment provided by the board to an agency liquor vendor store  
14 for this purpose may be used only for the purchase of liquor.

15       (3) If the revenues and expenditures associated with implementing  
16 the use of credit and debit cards for the purchase of alcohol by  
17 nonlicensees from state liquor stores and agency stores operated by  
18 liquor vendors results in a reduction of the liquor revolving fund  
19 balance for fiscal year 1999 and the 1999-01 biennium, the board shall  
20 consider increasing the price of alcohol products to offset the  
21 reduction.

22       (4) The board shall provide a report evaluating the implementation  
23 of this section, including revenue and expenditures, to the appropriate  
24 committees of the legislature by (~~January~~) December 1, 1998."

25       Correct the title.

26       EFFECT: An intent section is added. Clarifies that the cost of  
27 supplying, installing, and maintaining equipment in state liquor stores  
28 is an administrative expense. The board will consider increasing the  
29 retail price of alcohol products to recover any reduction in the liquor  
30 revolving fund balance associated with the implementation of credit and  
31 debit card purchases in state liquor stores and agency liquor vendor  
32 stores for fiscal year 1999 and the 1999-01 biennium. The report  
33 evaluating the implementation of credit and debit card purchases will  
34 include data on revenues and expenditures and will be submitted by  
35 December 1, 1998.

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