

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 3001

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Creating an exemption for wineries furnishing wine to nonprofit charitable organizations.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Commerce Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Honeyford, Delvin, Lisk and Cole).

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

**Background:** Liquor manufacturers and distributors may not give liquor to any person except as allowed by law.

Exceptions are provided for specific purposes such as allowing a manufacturer to negotiate a sale to the Liquor Control Board or a retail licensee. Other exceptions require that the liquor be consumed in a designated place to a limited group of people such as an educational presentation to an organization formed for the purpose of studying wine and wine making. Breweries and wineries may furnish beer or wine free of charge at the brewery or winery. There are a limited number of occasions when liquor may be furnished or donated for a specific event to a specific audience such as delegates to an international trade fair conducted by a governmental entity.

**Summary:** A domestic winery may furnish wine without charge and a domestic brewery may furnish beer without charge to nonprofit charitable organizations for use consistent with the purpose of the organization. Consistent with other exceptions for donating wine and beer, the wine and beer is subject to state liquor taxes.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 94 2  
Senate 48 1 (Senate amended)  
House (House refused to concur)  
Senate (Senate refused to recede)  
Senate 45 0 (Senate amended)  
House 98 0 (House concurred)

**Effective:** June 11, 1998