
SENATE BILL 6514

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By Senator T. Sheldon

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to a review of liquor control board functions; and
2 creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A citizen's review panel is created to
5 develop specific policy recommendations concerning options for
6 privatization of the functions of the Washington state liquor control
7 board. The review panel will consist of nineteen members appointed by
8 the governor. The governor shall appoint representatives from the
9 following groups to serve on the panel:

10 (a) Two management experts from the private sector;

11 (b) One citizen from eastern Washington and one citizen from
12 western Washington;

13 (c) One representative from each of the following groups: Liquor
14 retailers, liquor distributors, and liquor manufacturers;

15 (d) Two representatives from state liquor store employees;

16 (e) Two representatives from law enforcement;

17 (f) Two representatives from local governments;

18 (g) Two representatives from county health agencies;

19 (h) Two representatives from retail liquor licensees;

1 (i) One representative from the liquor control board;
2 (j) One representative from the office of the governor.

3 (2) When developing options for privatization the citizen's review
4 panel shall consider:

5 (a) The differences between the state liquor stores and agency
6 liquor stores and whether they merit different treatment;

7 (b) Whether all functions of the liquor control board should be
8 privatized or whether only some of the functions of the board should be
9 privatized;

10 (c) What the impact of privatization will be on state employees,
11 liquor sales, state liquor revenues and taxes, liquor prices, and
12 liquor availability.

13 (3) The panel shall elect a chair, hire necessary staff, and
14 determine the staff's duties and compensation. The Washington state
15 liquor control board shall be the fiscal agent for the panel. The
16 panel shall produce a report and make specific policy recommendations
17 to the legislature by December 1, 2000.

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