

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 6601

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Allowing a licensed distiller, domestic brewery, microbrewery, or domestic winery to sell liquor at a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant located on contiguous property that is leased by that licensed distiller, domestic brewery, microbrewery, or domestic winery.

**Sponsors:** Senators Prentice, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe and Hale.

**Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions**  
**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**

**Background:** Current law allows distillers, brewers and microbrewers, and wineries to sell liquor in restaurants that are contiguous to and owned by the distiller, brewer, or winery. This is called a Tied House law. One theory behind this type of law, common in many states, is that making food available for consumers who choose to drink provides a medically safer drinking environment.

**Summary:** The Tied House law is expanded to allow distillers, brewers, and wineries to sell liquor at leased restaurants that are contiguous.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	42	4
House	92	1

**Effective:** June 13, 2002