

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESB 5560

As Reported by House Committee On:

Commerce & Labor

Title: An act relating to the prohibition of sales of alcohol on university grounds.

Brief Description: Regarding the sale of liquor on grounds of institutions of higher education.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford, Keiser, Horn and Kohl-Welles; by request of University of Washington.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Commerce & Labor: 3/20/03 [DP].

Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill

- Repeals the prohibition on selling alcohol on the University of Washington campus.
- Encourages institutions of higher education that allow the sale of alcohol on campus to feature products produced in Washington.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Conway, Chair; Wood, Vice Chair; Chandler, Ranking Minority Member; Condotta, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Crouse, Holmquist, Hudgins, Kenney and McCoy.

Staff: Matt Cooper (786-7106).

Background:

In 1895 the Legislature prohibited the sale of alcohol on the University of Washington campus. Over the years, this prohibition has been modified to allow alcohol to be sold at the faculty center and to be served on campus under a banquet permit issued by the Liquor Control Board.

A banquet permit allows a group or individual to serve alcohol to guests invited to an

event at a specific location on a specific date. The event may not be open to the public. The group or individual may charge guests for attending the event and alcohol may be served at the event, but guests may not be charged separately for alcohol.

Summary of Bill:

The prohibition on selling alcohol on the University of Washington campus is stricken.

The Legislature encourages institutions of higher education that allow alcohol sales on campus to feature products produced in Washington.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill came about because of the way the current law affected the Burke Museum. This bill puts the University of Washington on the same footing as every other college in Washington. This bill will help the museums on the University of Washington campus.

The University of Washington does not object to the amendment added by the Senate. This amendment will help promote Washington products.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Senator Honeyford, prime sponsor; and Amy Bell, University of Washington.