
Commerce & Labor Committee

ESB 5560

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 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.

Hearing Date: 3/20/03

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.

Rules Authority: The bill does not address the rule-making powers of the Board.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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