

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6332

As of February 15, 2006

Title: An act relating to notice regarding the issuance of a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license.

Brief Description: Modifying spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Zarelli, Pridemore, Benton, Doumit and Kohl-Welles.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 2/1/06.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Staff: Jennifer Strus (786-7316)

Background: Before the Liquor Control Board (LCB) can issue a beer retailer, wine or spirits retailer, beer and wine restaurant license, it must give written notice of the application for a license to churches, schools, and public institutions within 500 feet of the premises to be licensed. The LCB is prohibited from issuing the license if the school or public institution, after receiving written notice, objects to the issuance of the license.

Summary of Bill: The LCB has discretion to issue a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license even if a school or public institution objects after being notified of the application for a license.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testimony Other: The section of the law that permits schools to object to the location of restaurants with liquor licenses within 500 feet has been part of the law for a long time. The section should probably not be changed without a discussion with stakeholders.

Who Testified: OTHER: Rick Garza, Liquor Control Board.