

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6703

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Labor, Commerce, Research & Development, February 2, 2006

**Title:** An act relating to allowing spas to serve wine to their customers who are twenty-one years of age or older.

**Brief Description:** Allowing spas to serve wine to their customers.

**Sponsors:** Senators Schoesler, Kohl-Welles, Parlette and Honeyford.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 2/1/06, 2/2/06 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6703 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Parlette, Ranking Minority Member; Brown, Hewitt, Honeyford, Keiser and Prentice.

**Staff:** Jennifer Strus (786-7316)

**Background:** For an entity to serve alcohol on the premises, it must have the appropriate license issued by the Liquor Control Board. To obtain a license, the entity seeking it must serve food.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** A spa or art gallery may offer one glass of wine to a customer for consumption on the spa's or art gallery's premises. The customer must be at least 21 years old and the spa must have legally obtained the wine. A spa that provides massages may not offer a glass of wine to a customer until after the massage is completed.

"Spa" is defined as a business offering beauty services including shampooing, cutting, styling or dyeing hair; manicures, pedicures, facials, massages; and the use of body toning equipment. "Art gallery" is defined as a room or building in which works of art are exhibited or sold.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** Restricting the offering of wine to customers who have gone to a spa for a massage is added. Art galleries are added to the list of entities that may offer customers a complimentary glass of wine. A definition of "art gallery" is added.

**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:** Many spas currently offer a glass of wine as part of the relaxing spa experience. Many were not aware that to do so is a violation of the liquor laws. This bill is needed to assist those businesses who would like to offer this service to their clients.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testimony Other:** It is serious to combine therapeutic massage with alcohol; therefore, an amendment to prohibit spas providing massage services from offering a glass of wine until the massage is completed is needed.

**Who Testified:** PRO: Sen. Schoesler, Prime Sponsor.

OTHER: Steve Lindstrom, Washington Federation of Private Career Schools and Colleges.