

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5011

As Passed Senate, March 12, 2007

Title: An act relating to removing the expiration date on chapter 302, Laws of 2006.

Brief Description: Removing the expiration date on the 2006 beer and wine distribution bill.

Sponsors: Senators Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Keiser and Rasmussen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 2/22/07, 2/27/07 [DP].
Passed Senate: 3/12/07, 46-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Clements, Ranking Minority Member; Franklin, Holmquist, Murray and Prentice.

Staff: Jennifer Strus (786-7316)

Background: During the 2006 Session, the Legislature passed 2SSB 6823, which implemented one of the judge's orders in the *Costco v. Hoen, et al case*. The provisions enacted pursuant to 2SSB 6823 are set to expire on June 30, 2008.

Summary of Bill: This bill removes the expiration date and makes permanent the changes made in 2SSB 6823.

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.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The issue dealt with by the Legislature in 2SSB 6823 last year is no longer an issue in the *Costco v. Hoen* matter so there is no reason not to remove the expiration date and make the changes permanent.

CON: The impact of 2SSB 6823 on the affected parties should be measured and the expiration date should be maintained so that that can occur.

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Persons Testifying: PRO: Jean Leonard, Washington Wine Institute; Katie Jacoy, California Wine Institute.

CON: Ron Main, Washington Beer and Wine Wholesalers.