

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5838

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce, Research & Development, February 27, 2007

Title: An act relating to spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses.

Brief Description: Addressing spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses.

Sponsors: Senators Kohl-Welles, Clements and Delvin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 2/22/07, 2/27/07 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5838 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

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

Staff: Jennifer Strus (786-7316)

Background: The holder of a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license may obtain a caterer's endorsement. This endorsement allows the license holder to remove from its liquor stocks only those types of liquor that are to be served at an event for which the caterer's endorsement was issued. Current law does not allow the license holder to store the liquor to be served at the event at another license holder's premises.

Summary of Bill: The holder of a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license with a caterer's endorsement may store liquor on another license holder's premises as long as there is a written agreement between the licensee and other party to provide for ongoing catering services. There is no exclusivity as to the alcohol served, and the agreement is filed with the Liquor Control Board.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY RECOMMENDED SUBSTITUTE AS PASSED COMMITTEE (Labor, Commerce, Research & Development): Technical corrections are made that change "catering endorsement" to caterer's endorsement. Clarifications are made that the premises on which the liquor can be stored is not another licensed premise.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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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: Many restaurants have caterer's endorsements to their liquor licenses and to cater an event they have to move the product back and forth from the restaurant to the event site and back. This bill would allow them to store the product at the event site and do away with the need to move the product every time they cater an event.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Michael Transue, Washington Restaurant Association.