

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5302

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection, February 3, 2011

Title: An act relating to liquor permits and licenses.

Brief Description: Modifying liquor permit and licensing provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Kohl-Welles, Conway, King and Hewitt.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 1/27/11, 2/01/11, 2/03/11
[DP, DNP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; King, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Hewitt, Keiser and Kline.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Holmquist Newbry, Ranking Minority Member.

Staff: Edith Rice (786-7444)

Background: Manufacturers, importers, or distributors can apply for a special permit which allows them to serve liquor without charge at a trade association convention in a hospitality room or a board approved suppliers' display room booth at a convention when the liquor is for consumption in the hospitality room or display room during the convention.

The Liquor Control Board can issue an endorsement to a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licensee that allows the licensee to sell malt liquor in kegs or other containers of at least 4 gallons for off premises consumption.

Summary of Bill: Vendors that manufacture liquor mixers are added to the special permit group allowed to serve liquor without charge at a trade association convention in a hospitality room, or a board approved suppliers' display room booth at a convention when the liquor is for consumption in the hospitality room or display room during the convention.

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The endorsement which allows the spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licensee to sell malt liquor in kegs and other containers also permits the licensee to sell beer for off premises consumption. The beer may be sold in a sanitary container provided by the purchaser, or furnished by the licensee and is filled at the tap at the time of sale.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

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: This bill allows restaurants to sell growlers of beer.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Julia Clark, Washington Restaurant Association.