

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5709

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As of February 14, 2011

**Title:** An act relating to allowing a microbrewery and domestic brewery to sell beer of another domestic brewery for on and off-premises consumption from its premises.

**Brief Description:** Allowing a microbrewery and domestic brewery to sell beer of another domestic brewery for on and off-premises consumption from its premises.

**Sponsors:** Senators Kline, King, Hobbs, Fain, Honeyford and Kohl-Welles.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 2/17/11.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

**Staff:** Edith Rice (786-7444)

**Background:** A Washington State licensed microbrewery produces less than 60,000 barrels of malt liquor including strong beer per year and pays a licensing fee of \$100. A domestic brewery produces 60,000 barrels or more of malt liquor per year and pays a fee of \$2,000.

**Summary of Bill:** A licensed microbrewery can sell another domestic brewery's product as long as the other brewery's brands are not more than 25 percent of the microbrewery's on-tap offering of their own product. A licensed domestic brewery can sell another domestic brewery's product as long as the other brewery's brands are not more than 25 percent of the brewery's on-tap offering of their own product.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 14, 2011.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

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