

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6196

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection, January 23, 2012

**Title:** An act relating to identifying wineries, breweries, and microbreweries on private labels.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the identification of wineries, breweries, and microbreweries on private labels.

**Sponsors:** Senators Harper and Ericksen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 1/17/12, 1/23/12 [DP].

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

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

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

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

**Background:** Liquor industry members are prohibited from advancing or receiving monies or monies worth through their business practices. However, a variety of exceptions exist. Some examples are industry members providing retailers with branded promotional items of nominal value or building and restocking retail can or bottle displays. Similarly, wineries, certificate of approval holders, and licensed retailers are permitted to identify the producers on private labels authorized under current law. This is not considered to be advancing or receiving monies or monies worth.

**Summary of Bill:** Breweries and microbreweries are permitted to identify the producer of their beer on private labels authorized under current law. This is not considered to be advancing or receiving monies or monies worth.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This will allow breweries and microbreweries to be listed as the producer when they specially brew beer for restaurants or retailers. It will let them do what wineries already do.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Heather McClung, WA Brewers Guild.