

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1742

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
Government Accountability & Oversight

**Title:** An act relating to allowing sales of growlers of wine.

**Brief Description:** Allowing sales of growlers of wine.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Wylie, Ryu, Hunter, S. Hunt and Moscoso.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Government Accountability & Oversight: 2/12/13, 1/23/14 [DPS].

**Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

- Allows domestic wineries with separate tasting rooms to sell wines of their own production in sanitary containers (growlers) filled at the tap by the seller.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Hurst, Chair; Wylie, Vice Chair; Condotta, Ranking Minority Member; Holy, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Blake, Kirby, Moscoso, Shea and Vick.

**Staff:** David Rubenstein (786-7153).

**Background:**

Introduction.

The Liquor Control Board (LCB) issues various types of licenses, including those for beer and/or wine specialty shops, wineries, microbreweries, domestic breweries, restaurants, and nightclubs. In certain circumstances, the LCB may impose conditions or restrictions on a license, or include special endorsements authorizing the sale of specified alcoholic beverages subject to specified conditions.

Domestic Wineries.

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Wineries licensed in Washington (domestic wineries) may act as distributors and retailers of wine of their own production. Domestic wineries must comply with applicable laws and rules relating to distributors and retailers.

Additionally, a domestic winery may have up to two locations separate from its manufacturing site where the winery may serve samples and sell wine of its own production at retail (additional tasting rooms). The LCB must approve each additional tasting room.

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**Summary of Substitute Bill:**

A domestic winery with additional tasting rooms may sell for off-premises consumption wines of its own production in kegs or growlers meeting the applicable requirements of federal law. The growlers may be brought to the premises by the customer or supplied by the licensee and filled at the tap at the time of sale.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:**

The substitute bill strikes the original bill language allowing any licensee currently allowed to sell beer in growlers to also sell wine in growlers. Instead, only domestic wineries with additional tasting rooms may sell wines of their own production in growlers.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available. New fiscal note requested on January 24, 2014.

**Effective Date of Substitute Bill:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

See Committee Records from 2013.

**Persons Testifying:** See Committee Records from 2013.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** See Committee Records from 2013.