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BILL ANALYSIS

Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB 1805

Brief Description: Concerning culinary class wine restaurant specialty licenses.

Sponsors: Representatives Hansen, Haler, Nealey and Appleton.

Brief Summary of Bill

Creates a type of wine retailer license for culinary classes that allows the licensee to
provide wine with meals prepared for the public for a fee as part of the culinary class
activities.

Hearing Date: 2/19/13

Staff: Trudes Tango (786-7384).

Background:

The Liquor Control Board (Board) issues a number of types of liquor licenses. A beer and/or wine restaurant license allows the sale of beer and/or wine for consumption on the premises. A patron of the licensee may remove from the premises any unconsumed portion of wine that was purchased for consumption with a meal.

A beer and/or wine restaurant licensee may also apply for a caterer's endorsement to the license that allows the licensee to sell and serve beer and/or wine at event locations at specified dates and places, subject to certain conditions established by the Board. The caterer's endorsement also allows the licensee to sell and serve alcohol at domestic wineries and on passenger vessels and to store alcohol at another entity's premises under certain conditions.

Before the Board issues any type of new or renewal license, it must comply with certain procedures. It must give due consideration to the location of the business to be conducted under

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the license with respect to proximity of churches, schools, and public institutions. The Board must also provide written notice to the chief executive officer of the city, county, or town.

Summary of Bill:

A wine retailer's license is created to be designated as a culinary class restaurant wine specialty license. The licensee is allowed to provide or sell wine by the glass or bottle to accompany meals prepared for the public for a fee, as part of the formal training activities regularly conducted by a culinary class.

"Culinary class" means a class offered by a for-profit or nonprofit educational institution operating for the purpose of training students in the culinary arts. "Culinary class restaurant" means a restaurant operating in conjunction with a culinary class providing the public with meals prepared as part of the culinary class curriculum.

Licensees may serve wine by the glass free or for a charge for on-premise consumption and may sell bottles of wine for on-premise consumption. The Board may issue a special event endorsement to a licensee, allowing the licensee to provide or sell wine off premises at culinary class events approved by the Board. Specific restrictions are placed on special events taking place under an endorsement. Violation of one of the restrictions is a class 1 civil infraction.

Licensees must provide training for students, employees, or other individuals who serve or sell wine under this special license.

The Board may adopt rules to implement the special license. The annual fee for the license is \$250.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

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