

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1008

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As of February 14, 2014

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

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

**Sponsors:** Representatives S. Hunt, Appleton, Hurst, McCoy, Condotta, Fitzgibbon, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Reykdal and Magendanz.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/09/13, 96-2.

**Committee Activity:** Commerce & Labor: 3/29/13.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

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

**Background:** The following licensees are permitted to sell beer in a growler, which is a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser or furnished by the licensee and filled at the tap at the time of sale: domestic breweries and microbreweries holding a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license able to sell beer of their own production for off-premises consumption; a beer and wine specialty shop licensee with an endorsement to sell growlers; a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licensee able to sell for off-premises consumption; and hotel licensees.

Cider is a table wine with at least 0.5 percent and up to 7 percent alcohol by volume, and is made from fermenting apples or pears.

**Summary of Bill:** Licensees that can already sell beer in growlers can also sell cider in growlers.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

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

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**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: There is an increasing demand for cider growlers from customers. This will promote local Washington produce.

OTHER: Federal law does not permit retail licensees to sell growlers of wine, which is what this is. This is a possible violation of federal law.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Hunt, prime sponsor; Cindy Zehnder, Total Wine and More.

OTHER: Rick Garza, Liquor Control Board.