

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5310

As Passed Senate, February 10, 2014

Title: An act relating to senior center licenses.

Brief Description: Creating a senior center license.

Sponsors: Senators Nelson, Kohl-Welles, Chase, Harper, Keiser and Conway.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 2/11/13, 2/18/13 [DP, DNP].

Passed Senate: 2/10/14, 40-8.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Braun, Vice Chair; Conway, Ranking Member; Hasegawa, Hewitt, Keiser and King.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Holmquist Newbry, Chair.

Staff: Edith Rice (786-7444)

Background: Nonprofit organizations can currently be issued a retailer's special occasion license to sell spirits, beer, and wine by an individual serving for on-premises consumption at specified events. The date and place must be specified. The fee for a special occasion license is \$60 per day. Sales are limited to no more than 12 calendar days per year for such events. Exceptions to the 12 calendar day limit are allowed for agricultural county and area fairs.

Summary of Bill: A new retail liquor license is created which is designated a senior center license. Nonprofit organizations whose primary service is providing recreational and social activities for seniors on the licensed premises – senior centers – may qualify for a retail liquor license if they pay a \$720 annual license fee, provide limited food service, comply with regulations established by the Liquor Control Board, and require servers to have a valid mandatory alcohol server training permit. This license allows on-premises sale of spirits, beer, or wine by the glass for consumption on the premises.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Senior centers have few opportunities to do fundraising. The current limit of 12 licenses per year and the 45 day prior notice work against us. We want to appeal to the boomers and encourage volunteers.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Kohl-Welles, prime sponsor; Karen Sisson, Sandie Wilkinson, Senior Center of West Seattle.