FINAL BILL REPORT SB 5310

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating a senior center license.

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

Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor House Committee on Government Accountability & Oversight

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: 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.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 40 8 House 84 12

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