

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6131

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As of January 24, 2014

**Title:** An act relating to special occasion licenses.

**Brief Description:** Modifying special occasion licenses provisions.

**Sponsors:** Senators King, Kohl-Welles and Mullet.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Commerce & Labor: 1/24/14.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

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

**Background:** A not-for-profit organization that obtains a special occasion liquor license may sell spirits, beer, and wine by the individual glass to be consumed on the premises. This license permits the licensee to serve liquor at a specified event, on a specified date and place. The fee for this license is \$60 per day and the organization is limited to sales on no more than 12 days per year.

The sale, service, and consumption of spirits, beer, or wine is limited to a designated area only. If an organization gets prior permission from the Liquor Control Board, the licensee may sell spirits, beer, or wine in original, unopened containers for off-premises consumption as well.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

**Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute):** In addition to serving spirits, beer, and wine by the individual glass for on-premises consumption, a not-for-profit organization that obtains a special occasion liquor license may also sell wine in original, unopened containers for consumption on the premises, if prior permission is obtained from the Liquor Control Board.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: The current prohibition on serving wine from the bottle at special occasions is problematic for some organizations. This bill solves that issue; we support it.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Jean Leonard, WA Wine Institute.