

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1342

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Permitting the sale of cider in microbrewery tasting rooms.

Sponsors: Representatives Bergquist, Condotta, Takko, S. Hunt, Wylie, Magendanz and Moscoso.

House Committee on Commerce & Gaming
Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor

Background:

A microbrewery license authorizes production of up to 60,000 barrels of beer per year. Microbreweries are also permitted to sell beer for on-premises consumption and may sell beer produced by another microbrewery, provided that the other brewery's beers do not constitute more than 25 percent of the on-tap offerings.

Cider, or fermented apple or pear juice containing between 0.5 percent and 7 percent alcohol, is regulated as wine. Microbreweries may not serve wine without a separate license, such as a tavern license or a beer and/or wine restaurant license.

Summary:

Licensed microbreweries may sell cider produced by a domestic winery for on-premises or off-premises consumption.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	96	1
Senate	39	9

Effective: July 24, 2015

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