Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Commerce & Gaming Committee

SB 5155

Brief Description: Modifying special occasion licenses provisions.

Sponsors: Senator King.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Modifies the special occasion liquor license to permit the sale of bottled wine for onpremises consumption.

Hearing Date: 3/17/15

Staff: Thamas Osborn (786-7129).

Background:

A not-for-profit society or organization may obtain a special occasion liquor license to sell spirits, beer, and wine by the individual serving, for on-premises consumption at a specified date and time. With prior permission from the Liquor Control Board (Board), an organization with a special occasion license may also sell spirits, beer, and wine in original, unopened containers for off-premises consumption. The fee for a special occasion license is \$60 per day. Sales under this license are limited to 12 calendar days per year.

Summary of Bill:

The holder of a special occasion license may sell wine in original, unopened containers for onpremises consumption with prior approval from the Board.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.