

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2605

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Commerce & Labor, February 24, 2016

Title: An act relating to creating a special permit by a manufacturer of beer to hold a private event for the purpose of tasting and selling beer of its own production.

Brief Description: Creating a special permit by a manufacturer of beer to hold a private event for the purpose of tasting and selling beer of its own production.

Sponsors: Representatives Kirby, Vick, Blake and Rossetti.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/17/16, 93-5.

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 2/24/16 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass.

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

Staff: Richard Rodger (786-7461)

Background: Wine manufacturers and licensed distilleries may apply to the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) for a special permit to taste and sell wine or spirits of their own production. The permit allows for the service and consumption at private, invitation-only gatherings held in a public place or business. The permit costs \$10 and must be displayed during the event. The LCB may issue no more than 12 permits per year to each manufacturer.

The LCB is not authorized to issue a special permit to beer manufacturers to hold similar private events.

Summary of Bill: Beer manufacturers may apply to the LCB for a special permit to taste and sell beer of their own production. The permit allows for the service and consumption at private, invitation-only gatherings held in a public place or business. The permit costs \$10 and must be displayed during the event. The LCB may issue no more than 12 permits per year to each beer manufacturer.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: No public hearing was held.

Persons Testifying: N/A.

Persons Signed in to Testify But Not Testifying: N/A.