
Commerce & Gaming Committee

HB 1389

Brief Description: Concerning reporting requirements for common carriers who transport liquor into the state.

Sponsors: Representatives Morgan, Young, Jinkins, Entenman, Ormsby, Lekanoff, Thai, Reeves, Stonier, Kilduff and Stanford.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires common carriers delivering items known to contain liquor to submit a report containing shipment information to the Liquor and Cannabis Board and the Department of Revenue.

Hearing Date: 1/29/19

Staff: Kyle Raymond (786-7190).

Background:

Provisions in law allow for the sale of wine and spirits through direct mail to customers in Washington. An out-of-state winery that obtains a wine shipper's permit may also ship wine directly to Washington residents. All varieties of liquor shipped to customers in Washington are subject to applicable state liquor taxes.

Summary of Bill:

A common carrier delivering items known to contain liquor must submit a report to the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) and the Department of Revenue (DOR). Reporting requirements apply to all deliveries made to Washington recipients, except deliveries made to licensed spirits, beer, or wine distributors or importers.

The report submitted to the LCB and DOR must include the name and address of the carrier, the item sender, and the item recipient. Reports must also include the shipment weight, the unique

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tracking number, the delivery date, and any other information the LCB or DOR reasonably requires. The carrier must submit reports by the end of the following calendar month in which the delivery is completed.

The reports must be made available to the public through the Public Records Act. However, the LCB and DOR must redact the names and addresses of individual consumers receiving shipments.

Carriers that willfully fail to submit reports are subject to a violation notification, and continued failure to submit reports may result in carrier license suspension and revocation.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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