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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating a new on-premises endorsement for domestic wineries and domestic breweries and microbreweries.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senators Takko, Fortunato, Palumbo and Mullet).

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

Background: A microbrewery license authorizes production of up to 60,000 barrels of malt liquor, including strong beer, per year. Microbreweries are permitted to sell the following from its premises, for on- or off-premises consumption: beer of its own production; beer produced by another microbrewery, provided the other brewery's beers do not constitute more than 25 percent of the on-tap offerings; and cider produced by a domestic winery. A domestic winery is a place where wines are manufactured or produced within the State of Washington.

An alcohol server permit is required for employees who sell, serve, or handle alcohol. The permit is issued after the successful completion of a mandatory alcohol server training course and the associated examination. A class 12 permit is issued for individuals who are age 21 or older. A more limited class 13 permit is issued for individuals age 18 to 20.

Summary: The Liquor and Cannabis Board must create a new endorsement for wineries to serve up to three offerings of beer to their customers, and breweries and microbreweries to serve up to three offerings of wine to their customers. The offerings of beer and wine must be produced in Washington. The fee for the endorsement is \$200 for each retail location.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 44 0 House 96 1

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