

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1730**

68th Legislature  
2023 Regular Session

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Yeas 84 Nays 13

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1730** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Waters, Stonier, Klicker, Low, Couture, Chambers, Ybarra, Barnard, Schmidt, Street, McClintock, Walen, Hutchins, Caldier, and Cheney

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing youth ages 18 and older to work in  
2 establishments traditionally classified as off-limits to persons  
3 under the age of 21 in certain specific and limited circumstances;  
4 amending RCW 66.44.316; creating a new section; and declaring an  
5 emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the  
8 COVID-19 pandemic created extreme labor shortages in certain  
9 industries, especially in the food service and hospitality industry.

10 (2) The legislature further finds that establishments  
11 traditionally classified as off-limits to persons under the age of 21  
12 have experienced even greater labor challenges in occupations that do  
13 not involve the serving of alcohol or interacting with patrons, such  
14 as dishwashers, sanitation specialists, line cooks, prep cooks, fry  
15 cooks, and chefs.

16 (3) The legislature further finds that these occupations are  
17 critical entry-level jobs that help youth develop strong skills that  
18 translate into success in other workplaces and occupations later in  
19 life.

20 (4) Therefore, the legislature intends to allow, under specific  
21 and limited circumstances, youth between the ages of 18 to 21 to be

1 employed in establishments traditionally classified as off-limits to  
2 persons under the age of 21.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.44.316 and 1985 c 323 s 1 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) It is lawful for:

6 ~~((1))~~ (a) Professional musicians, professional disc jockeys, or  
7 professional sound or lighting technicians actively engaged in  
8 support of professional musicians or professional disc jockeys,  
9 ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years of age and older, to enter and to remain in any  
10 premises licensed under the provisions of ~~((Title 66 RCW))~~ this  
11 title, but only during and in the course of their employment as  
12 musicians, disc jockeys, or sound or lighting technicians;

13 ~~((2))~~ (b) Persons ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years of age and older  
14 performing janitorial services to enter and remain on premises  
15 licensed under the provisions of ~~((Title 66 RCW))~~ this title when the  
16 premises are closed but only during and in the course of their  
17 performance of janitorial services;

18 ~~((3))~~ (c) Employees of amusement device companies, which  
19 employees are ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years of age or older, to enter and to  
20 remain in any premises licensed under the provisions of ~~((Title 66~~  
21 ~~RCW))~~ this title, but only during and in the course of their  
22 employment for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, or  
23 removing an amusement device. For the purposes of this section  
24 amusement device means coin-operated video games, pinball machines,  
25 juke boxes, or other similar devices; ~~((and~~

26 ~~((4))~~ (d) Security and law enforcement officers, and firefighters  
27 ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years of age or older to enter and to remain in any  
28 premises licensed under ~~((Title 66 RCW))~~ this title, but only during  
29 and in the course of their official duties and only if they are not  
30 the direct employees of the licensee. However, the application of  
31 ~~((the [this]))~~ this subsection to security officers is limited to  
32 casual, isolated incidents arising in the course of their duties and  
33 does not extend to continuous or frequent entering or remaining in  
34 any licensed premises; and

35 (e) Persons 18 years of age and older performing services  
36 unrelated to the sale or service of alcohol to enter and remain on  
37 premises licensed under this title, but only during and in the course  
38 of their employment as a dishwasher, cook, chef, sanitation

1 specialist, or other kitchen staff and only under the following  
2 conditions:

3 (i) The individual may not perform any services or work in the  
4 bar, lounge, or dining area of the licensed premises;

5 (ii) The individual may not serve food, drinks, or otherwise  
6 interact with the patrons of the licensee;

7 (iii) The individual may never be in possession of or consume  
8 alcohol at any time; and

9 (iv) The licensee must ensure that a supervisor, who is at least  
10 21 years of age, is present at all times that an individual employed  
11 under this section is working.

12 (2) This section shall not be construed as permitting the sale or  
13 distribution of any alcoholic beverages to any person under the age  
14 of ((~~twenty-one~~)) 21 years.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
17 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
18 effect immediately.

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