SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8407

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2007 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Clements, Keiser and Parlette)

READ FIRST TIME 03/12/07.

1 WHEREAS, The Liquor Control Board was established in 1933 to 2 oversee the sale, manufacture, and distribution of liquor in this 3 state; and

4 WHEREAS, Many of the laws relating to liquor licensing and tied 5 house have either not been substantially amended or been amended in a 6 disjointed piecemeal manner since 1933; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 1993 there have been 91 bills introduced in the 8 legislature dealing with the sale, distribution, or manufacture of 9 alcohol in this state, 16 of those bills being introduced during the 10 2007 session; and

WHEREAS, The legislature has spent countless hours dealing with bills that create many small exemptions from provisions governing liquor licensing and tied house;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the laws dealing with the sale and manufacture of liquor as well as the liquor licensing in general be thoroughly reviewed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a joint select committee on the state liquor laws be established to review the liquor licensing and tied house laws to determine whether they should be continued in their present form or reformulated to decrease the number of bills introduced in the legislature each year; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of eight 5 members; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Majority Leader of the Senate 7 shall appoint four members of the committee, two from each of the two 8 largest caucuses in the Senate; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of 10 Representatives shall appoint four members of the committee, two from 11 each of the two largest caucuses in the House of Representatives; and 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and 13 recommendations to the legislature at the regular session held in 2008.

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