

HB 2234 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to assure that no segment of the grocery store industry, licensed to sell beer and wine off the premises, is disadvantaged as the result of a judgment by the court in regards to central warehousing in the case of *Costco Wholesale Corporation v. Roger Hoen, et. al.*, No. C04-260P. The legislature further intends that the liquor control board take timely action to implement a storage and transportation system for the independent grocery stores and their primary grocery distributors upon receipt of any judgment that allows chain grocery retailers to store in, and transport from, their own warehouses to their retail outlets. The legislature intends that the system should accommodate the current market place structure and relationships of the independent grocery store and their primary grocery distributors and avoid any unnecessary administrative barriers.