Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Ways & Means Committee

HB 2358

Brief Description: Increasing liquor license fees limited to fees for beer and/or wine restaurants; taverns; snack bars; combined beer and wine retailers; grocery stores; beer and/or wine specialty shops; passenger trains, vessels, and airplanes; spirits, beer, and wine restaurants; spirits, beer, and wine private clubs; beer and wine private clubs; and public houses.

Sponsors: Representative Conway.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Raises specific retail liquor license and license endorsement fees.

Hearing Date: 4/16/09

Staff: Serah Stetson (786-7109)

Background:

The Liquor Control Board (Board) issues a number of types of retail liquor licenses. For some licenses, there are also endorsements available that allow additional activities.

Summary of Bill:

Specific retail liquor license and license endorsement fees are raised by 10.5 percent as follows:

License	Current	Proposed
	Fee	Fee
Grocery License	\$150	\$166
International Exporter Endorsement	\$500	\$553
Public House License	\$1,000	\$1,105
Beer and/or Wine Specialty Shop License	\$100	\$111
Snack Bar License	\$125	\$138

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Interstate Common Carrier's License	\$750	\$829
Duplicate License - Additional Locations	\$5	\$6
Private Club - Beer and/or Wine License	\$180	\$199
Sale of Unopened Wine for Off Premises Consumption	\$120	\$133
Endorsement		
Private Club - Spirits, Beer, and Wine License	\$720	\$796
Non-Club Event Endorsement	\$900	\$995
Sale of Unopened Wine for Off Premises Consumption	\$120	\$133
Endorsement		
Restaurant Beer and/or Wine		
Beer only	\$200	\$221
Wine only	\$200	\$221
Beer and Wine	\$400	\$442
Sale of Beer and/or Wine for Off-Premises Consumption	\$120	\$133
Caterer's Endorsement	\$350	\$387
Caterer's Storage at Other Locations Endorsement	\$20	\$22
Restaurant Spirits, Beer, and Wine (public or private)		
Less than 50% dedicated dining area	\$2,000	\$2,210
50% or more dedicated dining area	\$1,600	\$1,768
Service bar only	\$1,000	\$1,105
Caterer's Endorsement	\$350	\$387
Caterer's Storage at Other Locations Endorsement	\$20	\$22
Sale of Unopened Wine for Off Premises Consumption	\$120	\$133
Endorsement		
Kegs-to-go Endorsement	\$120	\$133
Private Club - Non-Club Event Endorsement	\$900	\$995
Duplicate License - Civic/Convention Center Additional Location	\$10	\$11
Tavern - No persons under 21 allowed		
Beer only	\$200	\$221
Wine only	\$200	\$221
Both	\$400	\$442
Sale of Beer and/or Wine for Off-Premises Consumption	\$120	\$133
License	Current	Proposed
	Fee	Fee

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on April 15, 2009.

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