

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1171

As of March 18, 2009

Title: An act relating to the Washington beer commission.

Brief Description: Changing Washington beer commission provisions.

Sponsors: Representatives Sullivan and Newhouse.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/23/09, 96-0.

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 3/19/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Background: The Washington Beer Commission (Commission) was created in 2006 following a vote by Washington brewers. The Commission is charged with promoting and marketing Washington-produced beer and is subject to oversight by the Washington State Department of Agriculture. To fund its activities, the Commission levies an annual assessment of 10 cents per barrel produced, sells beer at beer festivals, and until July 1, 2009, receives gifts, grants, and endowments. Assessments and other provisions in the Commission statutes apply only to "affected producers," which are people or entities licensed to produce beer in the state and who produce less than 100,000 barrels annually.

Summary of Bill: The assessment and other provisions in the Commission statutes apply to all producers licensed to produce beer in Washington rather than those who produce less than 100,000 barrels annually.

The Commission may receive gifts, grants, and endowments indefinitely.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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