

SB 5158 - DIGEST

Finds that: (1) The production of wine grapes and hops in the state are important segments of Washington agriculture as evidenced by the continued investments made by the state and local governments in developing the wine and beer industries, including the creation of viticulture and enology programs at Washington State University; and

(2) The promotion and sale of Washington wine and beer at the legislative gift center is harmonious with the purpose of the gift center, which is to promote the state and the goods produced around the state.

Declares an intent to allow the legislative gift center to sell wine and beer produced in Washington to visitors of legal drinking age.

Authorizes the legislative gift center to sell at retail for off-premises consumption wine and beer produced in Washington by a licensed domestic winery or brewery.

Requires the legislative gift center to collect and remit to the department of revenue all applicable state and local taxes on sales of wine and beer.