

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 5450

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to pasteurization in relation to licenses for the sale of beer.

Brief Description: Concerning pasteurization in relation to licenses for the sale of beer.

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Sellar, Snyder, Matson, Moore, McMullen, McDonald and Skratek).

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Commerce & Labor, March 28, 1991, DP;
Passed House, April 11, 1991, 92-0;
Passed Legislature, 92-0.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE & LABOR**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 11 members: Representatives Heavey, Chair; Cole, Vice Chair; Fuhrman, Ranking Minority Member; Lisk, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Franklin; Jones; R. King; O'Brien; Prentice; Vance; and Wilson.

Staff: Jim Kelley (786-7166).

Background: The statutes providing for Class A, B, D, and E beer retailer licenses distinguish between "pasteurized beer," referring to bottled or canned beer, and "unpasteurized beer," referring to keg beer. These terms are no longer accurate because some beer that is packaged in bottles or cans is unpasteurized.

Summary of Bill: In the statutes providing for Class A, B, D, and E beer retailer licenses, all references to "pasteurized beer" and "unpasteurized beer" are stricken.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This bill removes archaic language from the liquor code.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Steve Wehrly, Miller Brewing Company.