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Sponsor(s): Senators Prentice, Eide and Rasmussen

Brief Description: Balancing public safety and liquor licenses.

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Recognizes that, given its commitment to strengthening laws against alcohol abuse and drinking and driving, the importance of public safety within a community must also be factored into the decision-making process regarding the issuance and renewal of liquor licenses for eating and drinking establishments in the state of Washington.

Declares an intent to balance the legitimate rights of operators of eating and drinking establishments to obtain lawful liquor licenses and license renewals with the public's expectation of a significant commitment to public safety.

Declares an intent to add criteria to the laws on liquor license issuances and renewals that adequately recognize the public safety role of cities and counties and that will serve the public.