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## Commerce & Labor Committee

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### SSB 6584

**Brief Description:** Modifying liquor licensing provisions.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Commerce & Trade (originally sponsored by Senators Hewitt, McAuliffe, Honeyford and Eide).

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Permits caterers licensed to sell alcoholic beverages to operate on the premises of wineries, under certain conditions.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/19/04

**Staff:** Susan Kavanaugh (786-7106).

**Background:**

Restaurants that are licensed by the Liquor Control Board (Board) to sell either beer and wine only or hard liquor also may obtain a caterer's endorsement that permits them to sell these alcoholic beverages off the licensed premises at special event locations. Events must be either sponsored by a non-profit society, in which case the public may attend, or limited to members and their guests.

Under Washington's three-tier liquor control system, caterers, like other licensed retailers, are prohibited from operating on property owned by a manufacturer, importer or distributor of alcoholic beverages. This means caterers cannot operate on the premises of a winery, brewery or distillery.

**Summary of Bill:**

Caterers that have an endorsement permitting them to sell either beer and wine or hard liquor also may sell on the premises of a Washington winery under the following conditions:

- Agreements between the winery and the caterer are in writing, filed with the Board, and do not contain exclusivity clauses regarding alcohol to be served; and
- The event sponsors have separate contracts with the winery and the caterer, and pay them separately for their services.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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