(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/09/05)

Provides that licensees under RCW 66.24.360 may provide, free or for a charge, single-serving samples of two ounces or less, but no more than a total of eight ounces, to customers for the purpose of sales promotion if: (1) The primary commercial activity of the licensees is the sale of grocery products; and

(2) The licensees operate fully enclosed retail areas encompassing at least twelve thousand square feet. Sampling activities of licensees under this act are subject to RCW 66.28.010 and 66.28.040 and the cost of sampling under this section may not be borne, directly or indirectly, by any manufacturer, importer, or distributor of liquor.

Requires the service area and facilities to be located within the licensee's fully enclosed retail area, and must be of a size and design such that the licensee can observe and control persons in the area to ensure that persons under twenty-one years of age and apparently intoxicated persons cannot possess or consume alcohol. Customers must remain in the service area while consuming samples.