
**State Government & Tribal
Affairs Committee**

HB 1338

Brief Description: Authorizing the Washington beer commission to receive gifts, grants, and endowments.

Sponsors: Representatives P. Sullivan, Newhouse, B. Sullivan and Santos.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows the Washington Beer Commission to receive gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources.

Hearing Date: 1/30/07

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

In 2006, legislation was enacted to establish the Washington Beer Commission (Commission). Creation of the Commission was contingent upon approval of the affected producers who are Washington-licensed brewers producing less than 100,000 barrels annually per location. A vote of the affected licensed craft breweries was held in the fall of 2006 in favor of creating the Commission.

The Commission will promote and conduct research regarding Washington-produced beer, with oversight by the Washington State Department of Agriculture. To fund its activities, the Commission is authorized to assess producers a fee of 10 cents per barrel produced and to sell beer at beer festivals.

Summary of Bill:

The Commission may accept gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources for the use and benefit of the purposes of the Commission. Expenditures must be made according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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