

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1415

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Providing for the sales of wine at the legislative gift center.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Hasegawa, Haler, Hunt, Armstrong, Eddy, Newhouse, Conway, Wood, Williams, Johnson, Chase, Upthegrove, Condotta, Moeller and Ormsby).

**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**  
**Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection**

### **Background:**

The Legislative Gift Center (gift center) was created in 2007 and is authorized to sell Washington products, souvenirs, and items bearing the state seal. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate are charged with governance of the gift center. Profits from gift center sales are deposited into: the Legislative Oral History Account; the Washington State Legacy Project, State Library, and Archives Account; and the Capitol Furnishings Preservation Committee Account.

A liquor license is required to sell wine at retail, and various other liquor laws apply to the sale of wine.

### **Summary:**

A legislative finding is made that the production of wine grapes is an important segment of Washington agriculture as evidenced by investments by the state, including programs at Washington State University and the community and technical colleges. The Legislature further finds that the promotion and sale of Washington wine at the gift center is harmonious with the purpose of the gift center.

The gift center may sell wine produced in Washington by a licensed winery for off-premises consumption. Wine may be sold only to individuals 21 years of age or older for personal use, and must be purchased from a licensed wine distributor or manufacturer. The gift center must collect and remit applicable taxes to the Department of Revenue. To select wines for sale, the gift center is directed to consult with the Washington Wine Commission, which must consider award-winning wines in assisting the gift center.

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A liquor law exception is created, providing that the liquor laws do not apply to or prevent the gift center from selling wine produced in Washington.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 85 11

Senate 44 2

**Effective:** July 26, 2009