

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5110

As of January 20, 2009

Title: An act relating to allowing spas, wedding boutiques, and art galleries to serve wine to their customers who are twenty-one years of age or older.

Brief Description: Allowing spas, wedding boutiques, and art galleries to serve wine to their customers who are twenty-one years of age or older.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, McCaslin, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, McDermott and Holmquist.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 1/20/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: An entity serving alcohol for on-premise consumption must obtain the appropriate license from the Liquor Control Board (LCB). Entities serving alcohol for on-premise consumption must serve food.

Summary of Bill: Spas, wedding boutiques, and art galleries may offer one glass of wine without charge to customers at least 21 years of age for on-premise consumption. If a spa provides massages, the wine cannot be offered to the customer until the massage is completed. Definitions are provided for "spa," "art gallery," and "wedding boutique." The LCB is given rule-making authority to implement the legislation.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: It would be nice for bridal boutiques to be able to serve a complimentary glass of wine to brides and grooms while they are looking through

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wedding catalogues and invitations. Beer should be included as an option along with wine. Hotels would like to offer additional services to guests who get pedicures and manicures and this bill fits nicely with that desire.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Laura Smith, Everything but the Dress; T.K. Bentler, Washington State Hotel and Lodging Association, Washington Brewers Guild.