
Appropriations Committee

ESSB 6346

Brief Description: Allowing the sale of wine by microbrewery license holders.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senator Takko).

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorizes the Liquor and Cannabis Board to issue a license endorsement allowing a microbrewery to sell wine produced by a domestic winery, by the glass, for on-premises consumption.• Establishes a \$125 annual fee for the license endorsement. |
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Hearing Date: 3/6/18

Staff: Linda Merelle (786-7092).

Background:

A state-licensed microbrewery is authorized to produce up to 60,000 barrels of malt liquor, including strong beer, per year. A microbrewery is permitted to sell from its premises, for on-premises or off-premises consumption: (1) beer of its own production; (2) beer produced by another microbrewery or domestic brewery, provided that the other brewery's beers do not constitute more than 25 percent of the licensee's on-tap offerings; and (3) cider produced by a domestic winery. A domestic winery is a place where wines are manufactured or produced within the State of Washington.

Summary of Bill:

The Liquor and Cannabis Board is authorized to issue a license endorsement to a microbrewery allowing the microbrewery to sell wine produced by a domestic winery, by the glass, for on-premises consumption. The annual fee for the license endorsement is \$125.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Available. New fiscal note requested on February 28, 2018.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on October 1, 2018.