



Washington State  
Liquor Control Board

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT  
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RE: Clarification of a "Corkage Free" promotion by wineries and restaurants to promote tourism in Washington State

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In order to provide clarity regarding a "corkage free" promotion to promote tourism in Washington State, the Washington State Liquor Control Board (LCB) issues this interpretive statement pursuant to RCW 34.05.010(8) and 34.05.230.

**Background:**

The language of RCW 66.28.010 (1)(g) and RCW 66.28.310 (4)(c) is silent as it relates to a promotion involving both wineries and restaurants. LCB staff has interpreted these statutes to allow the "corkage free" promotion if the promotion includes all in and out-of-state wineries, and allows any restaurant to participate in the promotion.

RCW 66.28.010 (1)(g)(i) allows domestic wineries and retailers licensed under chapter 66.24 RCW to produce, jointly or together with regional, state, or local wine industry associations, brochures and materials promoting tourism in Washington state which contain information regarding retail licensees, domestic wineries, and their products.

RCW 66.08.310 (4)(c) allows industry members and retailers to produce, jointly or together with regional, state, or local industry associations, brochures and materials promoting tourism in Washington state which contain information regarding retail licensees, industry members, and their products.

A reasonable interpretation of both statutes is that the law allows a promotion involving both wineries and restaurants to promote tourism in Washington State.

**Interpretative Statement**

The Washington State Liquor Control Board interprets RCW 66.08.010(1)(g)(i) and RCW 66.28.310(4)(c) to allow a promotion involving both wineries and restaurants to promote tourism in Washington State.