



Bill Description: Allowing the sale and consumption on-premises of wine produced in Washington by brewery or microbrewery license holders and the sale and consumption on-premises of beer produced in Washington by licensed domestic wineries.

Bill Number: ESSB 5006

Bill Sponsor: Senator Dean Takko

Effective Date: June 11, 2020

Adds a new section to: chapter 66.24 RCW

Background

This bill was initially introduced during the 2019 legislative session but was not approved by the Legislature until the 2020 session. Prior to the bill making its way through the legislative process, a brewery was only allowed to sell, for on premises or off premises consumption, beer of its own production, beer from another brewery or microbrewery (not constituting more than 25 percent of its own on tap offerings), and cider produced by a domestic winery. Conversely, wineries were not authorized to offer beer to their customers. Local brewers (Southwest Washington – Cowlitz, Pacific and other nearby counties) persuaded Senator Takko to introduce a bill after hearing customers asking for wine by the glass at the tasting rooms of breweries.

Bill Summary

- Creates a new Liquor and Cannabis Board-issued endorsement available to wineries and breweries to expand service at tasting rooms for on-premises consumption.
- Allows wineries to provide up to three different domestic beer offerings by the single serving to their customers for on-premise consumption; breweries and microbreweries will be able to offer three different domestic wine choices by the glass for on-premises consumption of single servings to their customers.
- The term “domestic” in this context means beer and wine offerings must be produced in Washington State.
- Establishes a \$200 annual fee for the endorsement for each retail location.

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