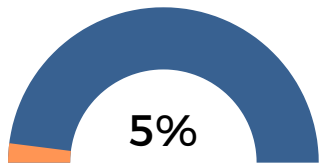




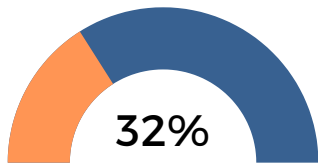
Impacts of HB 1480

Washington State House Bill 1480 (HB 1480) granted bars, restaurants, and other specified licensees of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) privileges to sell alcoholic beverages for takeout, curbside, and delivery, and/or offer outdoor service of alcohol. These privileges were initially granted to help reduce the effects of close or capacity limitations on licensees due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, the privileges were extended by HB 1480 after the restrictions ended.

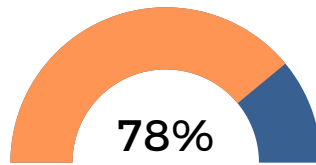
Who Participated?



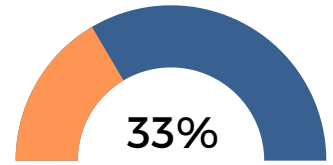
Only 5 percent (637) of the approximately 13,200 eligible licensees received an endorsement



32 percent of those participating had all 3 endorsements



78 percent of those participating were from urban counties



33 percent of those participating were in King County

What Did We Find?

CDM compared alcohol-related public health indicators in the State of Washington, Pre-HB 1480 and Post-HB 1480, to assess the potential impacts of policies to inform future decision-making. The indicators assessed include: alcohol consumption, underage/youth access, alcohol-related harms, and revenues. In addition, Pre- and Post-Covid Restrictions were examined.

Adult Alcohol Consumption

Drinks Per Day



The mean number of drinks per day **increased** by 8 percent.

Alcohol Use



Having at least 1 drink in the past 30 days **increased** by 10 percent.

Binge Drinking



Binge drinking **increased** by 10 percent.

Youth Access

Alcohol Use



Youth alcohol use **decreased** from 13 to 8 percent.

Alcohol Sources



Less likely to get from friends, steal, or take from home.

Compliance



Overall licensee compliance **decreased** from 84 to 75 percent.

Alcohol-Related Harm

Fatalities



The likelihood of a pedestrian fatality in an alcohol-involved crash was 3 times **greater**.

Poison Center



Daily calls increased from 3 to 4; **suspected suicides** from alcohol poisoning were 20 percent **more likely**.

Deaths



Deaths attributable to mental or behavioral health disorders associated with at least 1 alcohol-related diagnosis were 10 percent **more likely**.

Domestic Violence



Domestic violence offenses dramatically **decreased** - these incidences were 25 times more likely to occur during the Pre-Period.

ED Visits



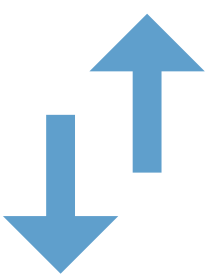
Alcohol-related emergency department visits **decreased** from 2 to 1 percent.

Suicide



Deaths due to suicide were 20 percent **less likely**.

Revenues



- Average quarterly **spirits liter count** fell nearly 3 percent.
- Average quarterly **gross business income** for beer and wine wholesalers **increased by 8 percent and 12 percent**.
- Average **business and occupation tax** revenues for beer and wine wholesalers **increased by 9 and 18 percent**.
- Average quarterly **spirits price per liter** and **average sales tax** **increased by 7 percent and 5 percent**.

Revenue changes do not account for seasonality, inflation, or lag time between purchase from distributors and retail sales. Beer and wine wholesalers includes on- and off-premises licensees.

Recommendations

1. **Survey WSLCB licensees** affected by HB 1480 and allowed to obtain endorsements through an online platform for ease of access and data analysis.
2. **Conduct a literature review.**
3. **Continue monitoring data and update the HB 1480 data dashboard** provided as a companion tool for this study.
4. **Survey licensees** to explore why they did not obtain the privileges.
5. **Collect additional primary data**, such as surveys with consumers across the State and other key stakeholders such as third-party delivery driver companies.