



Bill Title: Retail Liquor Licenses Omnibus Legislation – Fact Sheet 6 of 6
Issue: S/B/W Restaurant statewide license cap formula adjustment
Bill Number: E2SSB 5859
Amends RCW 66.24.420 (4)

Background:

Part of the retail liquor license omnibus legislation. Adjusts the statewide license cap formula to 1 license to each 1300 people from 1 license per 1450 people. The formula was also adjusted last session to 1 per 1450 from 1 per 1500 people. This change increases the allowable number of S/B/W licenses statewide. This change takes effect on July 22, 2007.

RCW 66.24.420 (4) now reads:

“The total number of spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses issued in the state of Washington by the board, not including spirits, beer, and wine private club licenses, shall not in the aggregate at any time exceed one license for each one thousand three hundred of population in the state, determined by the office of financial management pursuant to RCW 43.62.030.”

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