

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 2897

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Modifying the liquor licensee's caterer's endorsement to include passenger vessels.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Condotta and Dunn.

**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**

**Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development**

**Background:**

Restaurants that are licensed to sell alcohol may apply for a caterer's endorsement from the Washington State Liquor Control Board (Board). A caterer's endorsement allows the licensee to extend the on-premises license privilege, authorizing the sale and service of alcohol for an event at approved locations other than the licensed premises. If the event is open to the public, it must be sponsored by a non-profit. Otherwise, attendance at the event must be limited to members or invited guests of the sponsoring individual, society, or organization.

The locations where a licensee with a caterer's endorsement may sell alcohol are limited to places not currently licensed by the Board, except that a person with a caterer's endorsement is permitted to operate on the premises of a domestic winery. Agreements between the domestic winery and the caterer must be in writing, contain no exclusivity clauses regarding the alcohol beverages to be served, and be filed with the Board. The domestic winery and the caterer must be separately contracted and compensated by the persons sponsoring the event for their respective services.

**Summary:**

A person holding a caterer's endorsement from the Board is authorized to operate on the premises of any passenger vessel. Passenger vessel is defined to mean any boat, ship, vessel, barge, or other floating craft of any kind carrying passengers for compensation.

The passenger vessel and the caterer must be separately contracted and compensated by the persons sponsoring the event for their respective services. Agreements between the passenger vessel and the caterer must be in writing, contain no exclusivity clauses regarding the alcohol beverages to be served, and be filed with the Board.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	98	0
Senate	49	0

**Effective:** June 7, 2006