

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/20, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes penalties for employees of off-premises sales licensees who unknowingly sell liquor to a minor.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that it is inadvertent selling to a minor that triggers the special penalties. Adds a fourth offense imposing a fine of \$1,000 and a sentence of not less than 30 days imprisonment. Conflict amendment: Resolves conflict between this bill and SB 227 (which increased penalties).

BACKGROUND: Under current law, if a clerk at a store sells alcohol to a minor, the clerk may be charged with a Class A misdemeanor and will be fired from their job. HB 3343B provides that if a clerk at a store sells alcohol to a minor, and has taken an alcohol server education class, then the offense is a Class A violation. While the first and second offenses are violations, the fine increases with each offense (from \$350 to \$720). The third offense for unknowingly selling alcohol to a minor becomes a Class A misdemeanor with a mandatory \$1,000 fine. A fourth offense is a Class A misdemeanor with a fine not less than \$1000 and 30 days imprisonment.