

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 8 - 0 - 0  
Yeas: Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Huffman, Komp, Parrish, Gelser, Wingard  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: 0  
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Meeting Dates: Subcommittee: 2/17, 2/24, 3/3, Full: 3/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows educational programs to serve alcoholic beverages to students between 18 and 20 years of age, and allows for possession and consumption of alcohol under supervision of educational provider for training purposes. Stipulates that tuition and/or fees collected by food and beverage career programs for courses that include consumption and possession of alcohol do not constitute sale of alcoholic beverages. Permits property owners to allow underage students that possess and consume alcohol for educational purposes to remain on property. Becomes operative September 2, 2011. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Limited access to alcohol for underage culinary students
- Age requirements for participation
- Professional obstacles relating to food and beverage career programs
- Individual post-secondary institutions to adopt and/or modify policies relating to alcohol
- Definition of consumption

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 3042 was introduced at the request of Linn-Benton Community College to accommodate students between the ages of 18 and 20 enrolled in the culinary arts program, by allowing them to participate in the supervised use of alcoholic beverages. The measure limits the amount of alcohol consumed to 2 ounces during a two-hour class period. Currently, underage students of the culinary arts and other food and beverage career program courses such as viticulture, winemaking, enology, brewing and restaurant management are not allowed to fully participate in courses involving alcoholic beverages. Lowering the age requirement allows underage students to receive equitable instruction opportunities, and promotes on-time completion of food and beverage career programs.