

HCS SB 725 -- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

SPONSOR: Bray (Johnson, 47)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0.

This substitute allows culinary students older than eighteen years of age to taste, but not consume or drink, any beer, ale, porter, wine, or other similar malt or fermented beverage as part of the required curriculum.

A student younger than 21 years of age is explicitly prohibited from receiving any beer, ale, porter, wine, or other similar malt or fermented beverage unless the beverage is delivered as part of the student's required curriculum and is used only for instructional purposes during classes conducted as part of the curriculum.

Intoxicating and nonintoxicating beer are required to be brewed from a malt or a malt substitute. Flavor and other non-beverage ingredients containing alcohol may be used in producing intoxicating and nonintoxicating beer but may not contribute to more than 49% of the overall alcohol content of the finished beer.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that not allowing culinary students to taste wine as part of the program puts Missouri's 28 culinary programs at a disadvantage.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Bray; and Adam Puchta and Son Wine Company.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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