

HB 1266 -- NON RETAIL BEER PACKAGING

SPONSOR: Cornejo

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill authorizes a licensed beer merchant to sell 32 to 70 fluid ounces of beer in containers filled on the premises to customers for consumption off the premises. An employee must close the container with a one-time-use, tamper-proof seal.

The bill prohibits any wholesaler, distributor, or manufacturer of intoxicating liquor from furnishing dispensing or cooling equipment to any person who is licensed to sell intoxicating liquor in the original retail package.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would help start-ups and local microbreweries get into business. The bill would also provide consumers with more options.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cornejo; Missouri Retailers Association; Missouri Grocers Association; Petroleum Marketers Association; Missouri Small Brewer's Guild; Aaron Banks; Scott Snider, International Beers Unlimited; and Ryan Wolf.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying for informational purposes reiterated that cooling equipment cannot be provided under federal law.

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