

ACTION ALERT

From WASAVP

The Washington Association for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention

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Two counterproductive bills are on the move in the House.

SHB 2688 (statewide wine and beer sampling in grocery stores) was passed by House Commerce and Labor to House General Government Appropriations. The closest to a dissenting vote in the House policy committee was Rep. Crouse, who made no recommendation – indicating that his mind is not necessarily made up on this point.

HB 2642 (establishing a pilot project to allow wine tasting at farmers markets) was likewise passed by House Commerce and Labor, to House Rules.

We need to try and kibosh both these measures. To do so we really need your help asking any Representatives you have on these two committees (see committee lists and some contact information below). Two years ago the grocery store pilots passed the House floor by just 10 votes. There are a lot of new legislators who have yet to take a vote on this legislation, so maybe we can get a majority of “no” votes this time around – starting in these two committees! If we can’t block the bills in their current committees, we can at least prepare for a floor vote showdown.

Sample comments to these legislators are attached below as a sample message. As always please convey your own thoughts in your own words and experience.

If you get a definite response that your legislator is “pro” or “con” on these bills please let Seth Dawson know via email at SethDawson@att.net.

Thanks for any help you can lend this effort. **Your** consideration is appreciated

General Government Appropriations

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Sample Letter or email:

February 1, 2010

Re: Please **Oppose SHB 2688**, Permitting Statewide Distribution of Beer/Wine Samples in Grocery Stores – House General Government Appropriations

Or

HB 2642, Pilot projects for beer/wine sampling at farmers markets – House Rules

Dear Representative ,

Please vote *against* these measures should you have the opportunity to do so.

We oppose this legislation for two primary reasons:

- 1) Consuming wine or beer while driving and running errands (such as grocery shopping) sets a bad example for children – as parents and others model the casual use of alcohol. If the legislature does not draw the line at this form of three dimensional advertising, the negative effects are likely to be compounded over time – as we already see

legislation aimed at extending this practice to farmer's markets (HB 2642) and must wonder what venues will next be proposed.

- 2) People who are in substance abuse recovery (and must therefore allow themselves zero tolerance for alcohol) should be able to go grocery shopping without being offered a drink.

There are many other ways the alcohol industry can promote its products. The open use of alcohol in public markets does not need to be one of them.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,