Background

In 2008 the Legislature enacted 2ESSCR 8407, which establishes the Joint Select Committee on Beer and Wine Regulation.

The select committee is directed to review laws relating to the manufacture, distribution, and sale of beer and wine to determine whether the laws should be continued in their present form or reformulated.

The 8-member select committee consists of the chairs and the ranking members of the Senate Labor, Commerce, Research and Development Committee and the House Commerce and Labor Committee; and four members from the two largest caucuses of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The task force must report to the Legislature by December 1, 2008.

Meeting Dates/Tentative Agendas

June 10, 2008 (Tuesday), 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Olympia

Work Session:
1. Committee Business.
3. Review of recent liquor regulation studies.
   a. Three-Tier Task Force.
   b. Tied House Review Team.
4. Overview of Costco litigation.
5. Stakeholder input.
6. Discussion of work plan.

September 9, 2008 (Tuesday), Time TBA, Olympia

September 30, 2008 (Tuesday), Time TBA, Olympia
November 14, 2008 (Friday), Time TBA, Olympia

**Work Session:** Review and/or approve draft report of findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

December 1, 2008 (Monday)

**Deadline:** Delivery of final report to the Legislature.