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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cervantes ORIGINAL DATE 3/4/15
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Small Brewer Off-Premises Beer Tasting SB 454
ANALYST Elkins

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16	FY17		
	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

Economic Development Department (EDD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 454 allows small brewer's licensees to conduct beer tasting and sale at three off-premises locations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is a \$200 annual fee for each off-premises permit but the increase in the number of off-premises permits is unknown. The Alcohol and Gaming Division of RLD currently processes application for off-premises permits. According to RLD, the increased workload will be absorbed by existing staff.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Currently, small brewer's licensees are allowed two off-premises locations while winegrower licensees are allowed three.

Wineries, small breweries, and craft distilleries are manufacturers and as such their economic activities are supported by the Statewide Economic Development Finance Act and are also eligible for economic incentives through the Local Economic Development Act. In addition, they

are identified as a targeted industry in the Economic Development Department's Five Year Strategic Plan, both as manufacturers and Value Added Agriculture.

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