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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alice Hughey for Leanne Link - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office

REPORT BY: Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4112

SUBJECT: SB 228 (Dodd) - craft brewery programs at public colleges

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to communicate to the Legislature and pertinent parties support for SB 228 (Dodd), a bill that will allow the sale or consumption of beer on the grounds of a public schoolhouse if the beer is produced by a bonded craft brewery owned or operated as part of an instructional program in craft brewing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Senate Bill 228 concerns public institutions of higher learning that offer craft beer brewing programs.

With the rapid growth of the brewing industry worldwide, brewery owners and managers are increasingly seeking to hire trained professionals who have been educated in the science and engineering of running a brewery operation, as well as those who know and understand the demands of the brewing industry. California is fortunate to have a robust array of beer makers, both large and small. In both instances, these products are made with the help of California college graduates who, in many cases, diligently complete the bulk of their career training in beer or wine production. California has numerous renowned instructional craft brewing programs. These programs offer hands-on brewing science instruction including malting, mashing, brewing, fermentation and finishing of the product.

Currently, students enrolled in craft brewing educational courses must discard any product produced through the program. SB 228 would remove these restrictions and allow the sale or consumption of beer on the grounds of a public schoolhouse if the beer is produced by a bonded craft brewery owned or operated as part of an instructional program in craft brewing.

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Junior College.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff reports.
2. Public comments.
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Existing law, known as the "tied-house" law, separates the alcoholic beverage industry into three licensing categories of manufacturer, wholesaler, and retailer. Generally, the holder of one type of license is not permitted to do business as another type of licensee within the tiered system. Sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages at a public schoolhouse or on school grounds is generally prohibited. However, existing law allows students between the ages of 18 and 21 who are enrolled in winemaking and brewery science programs at state public universities to receive an exemption from current state age restrictions in order to fully participate in classes and programs where tasting of wine or beer is a necessary aspect of the class or program. Existing law authorizes a public university to sell, transfer, donate, and bequeath up to 20,000 gallons of wine per year produced by a viticulture instructional program of a public university to consumers and licensees, as specified.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . SB 228 Bill Text

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Carlos Solorio