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House Bill 1549 (Washington County Delegation)
Rules and Executive Nominations

**Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor -
License Fee**

This bill increases, from \$300 to \$600, the annual license fee for a Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Washington County.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington County revenues increase by \$11,400 annually, beginning in FY 2017, due to the increase in the annual license fee. County expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A Class A BWL license authorizes a holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license. All beer, wine, or liquor must be sold in a sealed package or container and may not be opened or consumed on the licensed premises. With specified exceptions, a Class A BWL license may not be issued for a drugstore. The annual license fee is \$300, and the fee for a Sunday sales permit is \$250.

Local Revenues: Washington County advises that there are 38 Class A BWL licenses currently in effect in the county. Thus, annual license fee revenues from Class A BWL licenses increase by \$11,400 annually beginning in fiscal 2017.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 1078 (Washington County Senators) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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