

Submitter: Traci Brumbles

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB2502

Dear Chair Bynum and Representatives -

My name is Traci Brumbles I have been the owner of the Rainier Liquor Store for 22 years. I am writing this today in support of HB2502. It is my opinion that this will add a layer of protection for liquor store owner to existing language in the current law. We as liquor store owners are always worried about privatization, how and if it might happen. What would it mean to our families, and our employee's families. If we lose the security of the current system, our very livelihood will be extinct. This added language would help to ease the burden of loss to our business, which many agents have spent entire lifetimes building. I am a border store. My store sits right across the Longview WA bridge. I saw firsthand at the devastation that privatization can bring to local liquor businesses. We invest not just time and money into our stores, but we are fixtures in our towns and cities. They rely on us not only for a bit of revenue but, also because we are longstanding reliable fixtures in our communities. I ask you today to please accept the added language to fully protect liquor agents for whatever comes next to the ever-threatening landscape of the liquor industry. Thank you for your time today. Traci Brumbles - Rainier agency #1052