BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1039 By: Geren Licensing & Administrative Procedures Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that current law requiring containers of liquor with a capacity of less than six fluid ounces offered for sale in a package store to be sold in units of sealed packages of multiple bottles of liquor is cumbersome for consumers who want to sample a smaller product. H.B. 1039 seeks to address this issue.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1039 amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to remove the requirement that containers of liquor with a capacity of less than six fluid ounces offered for sale in a package store be sold in units of sealed packages featuring multiple bottles of liquor.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.

84R 17629 15.78.286