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TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB1639** by Watson (Relating to allowing certain wholesalers and distributors to purchase beer, ale, and malt liquor from the holder of a brewpub license.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Alcoholic Beverage Code to allow the holder of a wholesaler's or local class B wholesaler's permit to purchase ale and malt liquor from holders of brewpub licenses. The bill would also authorize the holder of a brewpub license to sell ale and malt liquor to the holder of a wholesaler's permit and a general class B wholesaler's permit.

The bill would also authorize the holder of a local distributor's license to receive beer in unbroken original packages from brewpubs. It is assumed that any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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