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Wine Handling Fees – CLIENT ALERT

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For those of you that routinely purchase split cases of wine, December 8 is an important date. On December 8, the Washington State Liquor Control Board will hold public hearings in Olympia on proposed regulatory changes that would authorize wine distributors to collect handling fees from hotels, restaurants and other retail licensees that order and receive split cases of wine. As you may have already guessed, the newly proposed rule is the result of a request made by the Washington Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association.

Bruce Beckett, lobbyist for the Washington Restaurant Association, is leading the Association's opposition to the newly promulgated regulation and is asking those interested in opposing the regulation to submit written comments to the Liquor Control Board's Rule's Coordinator, Karen McCall, at kjm@liq.wa.gov or to consider testifying at the upcoming public hearing.

If you would like more information about the proposed rule and its likely effects or how you can join the growing opposition to the rule, let me know.

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