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Bill Analysis

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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Cutrona and Swearingen

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SUMMARY

- Appropriates \$135 million for FY 2021 to the Development Services Agency to provide grants to bars, restaurants, and lodging businesses, as well as liquor permit holders, impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill appropriates \$135 million for FY 2021 to the Development Services Agency, from Fund 5CV1, to provide grants to bars, restaurants, and lodging industry businesses, and valid liquor permit holders that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants to bars and restaurants

Under the bill, \$100 million must be used to provide grants to impacted bars and restaurants. Grants must be awarded (1) in amounts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000 and (2) based on factors such as demonstrated loss of revenue and number of employees.

Grants to lodging industry business

Under the bill, \$25 million must be used to provide grants for impacted lodging industry businesses. Grants must be awarded (1) in amounts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000 and (2) based on factors such as a demonstrated loss of revenue and occupancy rates.

Grants to liquor permit holders

The bill allocates \$10 million to provide \$2,000 grants to valid liquor permit holders authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. It affirms that businesses

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Finance Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

are eligible to receive these \$2,000 grants in addition to any grants received from the Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund.¹

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	03-02-21
Reported, H. Economic and Workforce Development	03-24-21
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Reported, H. Finance	---

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¹ Section 209.10.