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Senate Bill 546 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Roger Hauck
Committee: Regulatory Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to allow the Ferris Building at Grand Rapids and the Eisler Center at Big Rapids, instead of the Conference Center at Big Rapids, the Applied Technology Center at Grand Rapids, and the FSU GR Conference Center, to sell alcohol at scheduled conference center activities.

The Code allows the Commission to issue to the governing board of a college or university a license to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises of a conference center operated by the governing board at regularly scheduled conference activities.

The Code lists specific buildings that are considered conference centers on specific university campuses, including the Conference Center at Big Rapids, the Applied Technology Center at Grand Rapids, and the FSU GR Conference Center of Ferris State University. The bill would remove references to the Conference Center at Big Rapids, the Applied Technology Center at Grand Rapids, and the FSU GR Conference Center and replace those references with the Woodbridge N. Ferris Building at Grand Rapids and the David L. Eisler Center at Big Rapids.

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BRIEF RATIONALE

According to testimony, the Liquor Control Commission has denied liquor licenses for conference centers not specifically named in statute. Because some conference centers currently named in statute are no longer used, it has been suggested that statute should name the currently used conference centers.

Legislative Analyst: Nathan Leaman

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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