

## HB 2223

1. The bill is congruent with the existing Vineyard Permit and only expands the possible inputs to make wine, cider, and mead.
2. Provides a means of storage in order to extend the season of agritourism locations. Berry season, in particular, has a very short window of maybe 4-6 weeks during a year. Outside of this timeframe there are few other products to offer.
3. Specialty crop farms have no real access to insurance. Having the ability for wine to be made from non-premium fruit by farm wineries and then sold at a retail level provides one more possible means of self-insurance and possible survival during substandard growing seasons.
4. Farm Wineries have the option, but not the obligation, to have another outlet for their product.
5. A growing wine industry within the state benefits producers of wine, growers, and the agritourism industry in general.
6. A robust market for producers also means more seasonal jobs during the summer months for youth, rural school staff, and others to have some meaningful income.