

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6146
BILL NUMBER: SB 23

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 16, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Jan 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Alcoholic Beverage Permits for County Fairs.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Clark
FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Shonkwiler

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to issue a permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages on the grounds of a county fair conducted by a local board, subject to certain limitations and requirements. It adds participation in an event sponsored by a local board to the activities permissible within the scope of a permit held by a farm winery, a small brewer, an artisan distiller, a beer retailer, a liquor retailer, and a wine retailer. It also adds the state fair and a county fair that is issued a permit to the exceptions to the minor loitering statute.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC):* The bill would increase the workload of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) to issue permits to a local board for a county fair and enforce the bill's provisions. The workload increase can likely be done within current resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Penalties:* The bill would have minimal impact on any penalties associated for scope of a permit and minor loitering for a county and state fair.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill would increase the workload of a local unit to approve a local board's request to sell alcohol at the county fair grounds. The workload increase should be done within current resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources:

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