

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a holder of a winery license to sell malt beverages under a special events winery license. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Wineries currently permitted to sell malt beverages on their premises under the winery license
- Concern over increased drunk driving in rural areas and possible relation to wineries
- Monitoring of events by Oregon Liquor Control Commission

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) licenses businesses and persons within Oregon to manufacture, distribute, take orders for, and sell spirits, wines, beer, and other alcoholic liquors. Licensure for serving alcoholic beverages, including special events winery licenses, requires maintaining a minimum of \$300,000 in liquor liability insurance and bonding of at least \$300,000.

Licensed wineries are authorized to import, bottle, produce, blend, store, transport, and/or export wine or cider; sell wines or cider at wholesale to the OLCC or its licensees; sell wines and cider at retail directly to the consumer for consumption on or off its premises; sell malt beverages at retail for consumption on or off its premises; conduct the previously listed activities at up to two additional premises designated by OLCC; and purchase distilled liquors for fortifying wines.

Licensed wineries may also obtain a special events winery license from OLCC, which currently allows the winery to sell wine and cider at retail for a period of up to five days for consumption on or off those premises. Such events include wine tastings and wine festivals usually held at another location. House Bill 2164 expands the scope of the special events winery license to include the ability to sell malt beverages at special events.

ORS 471.001 defines "malt beverage" as an alcoholic beverage obtained from fermented grain, not to exceed 14 percent alcohol by volume, including beer, ale, porter, and stout.

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