

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Edwards C., Girod, Thatcher, Riley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Patrick Brennan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Redefines cider for the purposes of the Liquor Control Act to include only beverages that contain seven percent or less of alcohol by volume.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cider between seven percent and 10 percent alcohol by volume would be defined as wine
- Brings consistency to definition of cider in statute

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. Currently, cider is defined as an alcoholic beverage made of fermented juice of apples or pears containing 10 percent or less alcohol by volume, and may include flavored, sparkling or carbonated cider. House Bill 2165 would reduce the maximum allowable alcohol content for cider from 10 percent by volume to seven percent. This change would conform the definition of cider in ORS 471.023 to that in ORS 473.015. If House Bill 2165 becomes law, cider-type beverages that contain more than seven percent alcohol by volume would fall under the definition of wine.

ORS 471.030 states that the purpose of the Liquor Control Act is “to prevent the recurrence of abuses associated with saloons or resorts for the consumption of alcoholic beverages; to eliminate the evils of unlicensed and unlawful manufacture, selling and disposing of such beverages and to promote temperance in the use and consumption of alcoholic beverages; [and] to protect the safety, welfare, health, peace and morals of the people of the state.”