74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2170 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Schaufler

House Committee on Business and Labor

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 5 - 2 - 0

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Meeting Dates: 1/22, 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows applicants for all Oregon Liquor Control Commission license types to apply for a temporary authority to operate, pending investigation of their application for a permanent license. Changes the timeframe for the issuance of a commission temporary letter of authority from a period not to exceed 90 days to a period not to exceed 180 days.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of measure on local neighborhoods
- Whether Oregon Liquor Control Commission looks at saturation levels as a factor in the license approval process
- Inequality of the types of businesses who can currently can receive temporary authority

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) currently only allows a change of ownership or a new off-premises license applicant to be eligible for a temporary authority. HB 2170 allows applicants for all license types to apply for a temporary authority to operate, pending investigation of their application for a permanent license.

The increased time period of a temporary authority in the bill will give the OLCC more time to investigate the applicant and its operation, and more time for stakeholders (i.e., local governments and citizens) to provide input concerning a permanent license. It will not change the agency's ability to revoke a temporary authority based on any of the grounds for refusing, canceling, or suspending a permanent license.