74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2744 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Starr

Senate Committee on Business, Transportation, and Workforce Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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

Yeas: Deckert, George L., Monnes Anderson, Starr, Metsger

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows patrons of a winery licensee to make wine if winemaking is conducted under the direct supervision of licensee or employees of licensee.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intent to allow "make your own wine shops" to legally operate
- Franchise opportunity
- Corresponding laws in other states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current statute only allows those who have obtained a winery license to make wine in Oregon. Wine connoisseurs can take classes to make blended wine (combining two or more wines to make a new variety), but they cannot perform any aspects of the winemaking process, such as fermentation, unless the wine is being made at a person's residence and is only for home consumption.

Patrons of a brewery-public house license or a brewery license can brew beer up to fourteen percent alcoholic content by volume if the brewing is performed under the direct supervision of the license owner or employees. The beer cannot be sold by the patron or consumer on the brewery or brewpub's premises.

House Bill 2744 allows patrons of a winery business to make their own wine under the direct supervision of the licensed owner and/or employees. The measure maintains the current statutory provision that wine made at these establishments is for personal consumption only.