

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Vote:** 5 - 3 - 0

**Yeas:** Bailey, Barnhart, Boone, Smith J., Cannon

**Nays:** Bentz, Gilliam, Jenson

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/19, 2/26, 3/19, 3/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes a beverage container return rate goal of at least 80 percent to be achieved by 2015. Adds deposit to sports drinks, coffee, tea, juice and other non-carbonated beverage containers effective January 1, 2013. Authorizes the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to establish standards for redemption centers. Directs OLCC to appoint an advisory committee to provide input and recommendations in regard to redemption of beverage containers. Authorizes OLCC to adopt rules on standards. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to report to the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2017 on annual container return rates, success in achieving return rate goal, if state-run redemption centers are necessary and collecting and using unredeemed deposits.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Experience with adding water bottles to the Bottle Bill
- Redemption centers and consumer convenience
- Bottle Bill Task Force report
- Provisions of bottle bills in other states
- Role of newly formed cooperative
- Fraud issues

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes wine and distilled liquor bottles from definition of “beverage.” Increases refund value to 10 cents if DEQ determines that the beverage container return rate is not at least 80 percent, effective January 1, 2016. Deletes automatic increase to 10 cents on January 1, 2011. Requires dealers served by a redemption center to accept at least 24 containers per person per day at the dealer’s location.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon “Bottle Bill” was passed in 1971 to reduce litter and increase recycling. Since its inception, the number and types of single-serving beverage containers have increased, with many remaining outside the jurisdiction of the original Bottle Bill. The 2007 Legislative Assembly expanded the five cent beverage container deposit to water and flavored water beverage containers and created a nine-member Bottle Bill Task Force to study beverage container collection and refund matters, including: establishing redemption centers; expanding the list of beverage containers subject to a deposit; increasing the refund value; limiting redemption of beverage containers purchased out of state; and collecting and utilizing the refund value of unredeemed beverage containers. The Task Force submitted its report to the Legislative Assembly in November 2008.

House Bill 2184 A would expand the list of beverages subject to a deposit to sports drinks, coffee, tea, juice and other non-carbonated beverage containers effective January 1, 2013. The bill would also increase the deposit to 10 cents after January 1, 2016 if DEQ determines that the redemption rate is less than 80 percent.

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