

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 3 - 0

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

Nays: Bentz, Gilliam, Jenson

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Meeting Dates: 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes beverage container return rate goal of at least 80 percent to be achieved by 2015. Beginning January 1, 2016, if Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) determines that in previous calendar year annual beverage container return rate is not at least 80 percent, refund value increases to not less than 10 cents. Adds deposit to sports drinks, coffee, tea, juice and other non-carbonated beverage containers effective January 1, 2013. Directs DEQ to report to Seventy-ninth 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 requirement that dealers served by redemption center accept at least 24 containers per person per day at the dealer's location. Deletes authorization for Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to establish standards for redemption of beverage containers by dealers. Deletes direction that OLCC appoint advisory committee to provide input and recommendations on redemption of beverage containers. Deletes authorization for OLCC to adopt rules on standards.

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 types not covered by the 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 2184B expands 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 measure also increases the deposit on all containers subject to a deposit to 10 cents after January 1, 2016 if the DEQ determines that the redemption rate is less than 80 percent.

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