75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: George, Schrader, Verger, Metsger

Nays: - Exc.: Starr

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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to refuse to issue a service permit if the applicant makes false statements to the commission. Authorizes OLCC to revoke or suspend a service permit or impose a civil penalty if the permittee makes false statements to the commission. Changes service permit expiration date to five years after completion of alcohol server education course required for the permit.

MEASURE: HB 2249 A

Sen. Verger

CARRIER:

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

· Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes permit expiration date to five years after completion of required alcohol server education course.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) has the statutory authority to refuse to issue a service permit to applicants if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant is excessively using alcohol or controlled substances; has been convicted of violating any federal, state or local liquor laws; is incompetent or physically incapable of performing the duties of a permittee; or has not completed the required education course and examination. Current statute also prohibits applicants from making falsified statements on their applications. House Bill 2249-A clarifies that a service permit applicant may be refused to receive the permit if they make false statements to the commission at any time.

The measure also applies to current service permit holders. The Commission would have the right to either revoke or suspend the permit, or impose a civil penalty.

Under current "five-year" expiration provisions, service permittees may in some circumstances go almost seven years without retaking the education course.

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