75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2251 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. George

Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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

Yeas: George, Schrader, Starr, Verger, Metsger

Nays: - **Exc.:** -

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Meeting Dates: 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) service permit applicant to have application indorsed by an OLCC employee without having completed the alcohol server education course and while employed by an OLCC licensee.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Service permit applications
- Identity verification
- · History of indorsement provision

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law requires servers who mix, serve, or sell alcohol by the drink in a licensed business to have a service permit. Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) service permit applicants are required to have their applications indorsed for the purpose of verifying their identity. Individuals allowed to indorse applications include the licensee in which the applicant is mixing, selling, or serving alcoholic beverages; providers of the alcohol server education course; and designated OLCC staff. However, under current statute, OLCC staff can indorse applications only if the applicant has taken and passed the required education course and is not employed by a licensee.

House Bill 2251 clarifies that a designated employee of the Commission can accept and indorse applications from any service permit applicant, but the applicant must personally appear before the employee and provide identification as may be required by administrative rule.