

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Schaufler

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the preceding year production limit for brewery-public house licensees selling at wholesale from 1000 barrels to 5000 barrels. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Level of support from stakeholders
- Oregon's craft brewing industry
- Volume amounts of beer barrels and kegs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A brewery-public house license, issued by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC), allows for the manufacture and sale of malt beverages to wholesalers and the sale of malt beverages, wine and cider for consumption on or off the licensee's premises. Current statute restricts production for licensees selling their products at wholesale to 1000 barrels per year, which can be difficult for the brewpub in finding opportunities to bottle and distribute their products as breweries do not have statutory production restrictions.

House Bill 2611 increases the brewery-public house licensee's production limitation to 5000 barrels.