

House Bill 3704

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUMMARY

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Allows beverage distributors or importers to establish distributor cooperative for certain purposes. Provides that dealer that uses distributor cooperative is not required to return beverage containers to distributor or importer that does not participate in distributor cooperative.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to distributor cooperatives.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2010 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 459A.700 to**
5 **459A.740.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) Two or more distributors or importers may establish a distributor coop-**
7 **erative for the purposes of:**

8 (a) **Collecting the refund value of beverage containers as established by ORS 459A.705**
9 **from distributors or importers and refunding to dealers the amount the dealers paid for the**
10 **refund value of empty beverage containers;**

11 (b) **Paying the refund value as established by ORS 459A.705 for beverage containers sold**
12 **in this state; and**

13 (c) **Processing beverage containers sold in this state.**

14 (2) **A distributor cooperative established under this section must service a majority of**
15 **the dealers in this state.**

16 (3) **If a distributor cooperative is established, a dealer that uses the distributor cooper-**
17 **ative to redeem and process beverage containers sold in this state is not required to return**
18 **beverage containers to a distributor or importer that does not participate in the distributor**
19 **cooperative, provided that the dealer or the distributor cooperative provides an accounting**
20 **to the distributor or importer of the beverage containers by brand and kind that were dis-**
21 **tributed by the distributor or importer and subsequently redeemed by the dealer or distrib-**
22 **utor cooperative.**

23 (4) **Upon receipt of the accounting required by subsection (3) of this section, a distributor**
24 **or importer that does not participate in the distributor cooperative must pay the refund**
25 **value of the redeemed beverage containers specified in the accounting to the dealer or dis-**
26 **tributor cooperative that provided the accounting.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.