

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 1 - 1
Yeas: Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Beyer
Nays: Atkinson
Exc.: Starr
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Meeting Dates: 5/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that any person that holds a liquor license with retail privileges can participate in the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's Responsible Vendor Program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Success of the responsible vendor program
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Responsible Vendor Program is a volunteer program managed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). Its purpose is to reduce underage drinking, encourage the adoption of best practices to prevent alcohol sales to minors, and offer licensees an incentive to provide employees with ongoing training in responsible sales and service. In order to participate, licensees must provide ongoing employee training, accept only certain forms of identification as proof of age, adopt house policies regarding checking a person's identification for alcohol sales, post specified signs on the business premises, and keep records that verify compliance with the program's requirements.

The statutes that regulate the Responsible Vendor Program limit participation to holders of full or limited on-premises sales licenses, off-premises sale licenses, or temporary sales licenses. House Bill 2148 removes the restriction and clarifies that the holder of any type of OLCC-issued license that authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages can participate in the program. Examples of these license classes include brew pubs, breweries, and wineries.