

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the B-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	3 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays:	Olsen, Thomsen
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands Oregon’s bottle deposit law to cover containers holding beverage intended for human consumption in quantity more than or equal to 4 fluid ounces and less than or equal to 1.5 fluid liters beginning January 1, 2018 or one year after Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) determines that at least 60 percent of beverage containers returned for refund are returned to approved redemption center, whichever comes first. Excludes distilled liquor, wine, dairy or plant-based milks, and infant formula. Excludes metal containers that require tool to be opened. Authorizes OLCC to set other exemptions by administrative rule. Increases deposit and refund value of beverage containers to not less than 10 cents beginning on later of January 1 of next calendar year or eight months following determination by OLCC that, in each of two previous calendar years, less than 80 percent of beverage containers sold in state were returned for refund. Prohibits determination prior to January 1, 2016. Establishes that in making determination, OLCC may not include newly covered containers before January 1, 2021. Directs OLCC to approve one beverage container redemption center pilot project in a city with population of less than 300,000. Requires pilot project redemption center to accept and pay refund value on up to 300 individual empty beverage containers per person per day. Establishes convenience zones centered on pilot project redemption center. Identifies which dealers, based on square footage and distance from redemption center, may participate in pilot project. Allows participating dealers within one-and-one-half miles of pilot project redemption center to refuse to accept return containers. Imposes obligations on dealers larger than 5,000 square feet located in convenience zones and not participating in pilot project.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Deposit and refund value for beverage containers
- Types of containers that would be subject to deposit
- Pilot redemption center

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon “Bottle Bill” was passed in 1971 with the goal of reducing litter and increasing recycling. Since its inception, the Bottle Bill’s coverage has increased in regard to both the number and the types of single-serving beverage containers, though many types of containers remain non-refundable. In 2007, the Legislative Assembly expanded the five-cent beverage container deposit to include water and flavored water beverage containers and created a nine-member Bottle Bill Task Force to study issues associated with beverage container collection and refund, including redemption centers, the types of beverage containers subject to a deposit, refund value, redemption of beverage containers purchased out of state, and unredeemed beverage containers. The Task Force submitted its report to the Legislative Assembly in November 2008. House Bill 3145 B would apply a refund value to additional beverage containers under specified circumstances or no later than January 1, 2018 and authorize an increase of the redemption value to 10 cents after January 1, 2017 if beverage container return rates fall below a specified level.

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