

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	6 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/17, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes holder of off-premises sales license to store wine at licensed premises and transport wine to other premise that is licensed for off-premises sale provided holder takes title to wine on or before time of delivery at premises where wine is stored, retains titles to wine until sold at retail, and owns, leases, or subleases premises receiving wine transported from licensed premises. Requires holder to transport wine to central warehouse only on vehicle owned and operated by the holder, licensed wholesaler, or common carrier. Authorizes operator of receiving premises to sell transported wine on behalf of holder at retail at receiving premises. Allows central warehouse licensees to receive directly from wholesaler or winery, hold wine in storage, release wine for transport to licensed premise, and receive wine that is transported to the central warehouse. Specifies Oregon Liquor Control Commission may issue central warehouse license to person for purpose of supplying wine to 10 or more licensed premises or cooperative composed of 10 or more members. Authorizes licensee and cooperative members to hold wine in storage, release wine for transport to licensed premises, and receive wine that is transported to the central warehouse. Allows licensees and members to receive wine from central warehouse if named on off-premises sales license, and owned in whole or in part owned by the central warehouse, or operates under contract to sell wine at retail under trade name of central warehouse licensee. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Issues with consignment sales that are prohibited by federal law
- Changing Commission interpretation of the legality of central warehousing of wine
- Commission assigning a significant fiscal to prevent passage of the measure
- Issues related to the measure are currently being litigated

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Liquor Control Commission issues off-premises sales licenses. In general terms, license holders are allowed to sell factory-sealed containers of wine, malt beverages and cider for off-premises consumption only. It also allows sample tasting of alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises with Commission approval.