

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 4 - 2 - 0

**Yeas:** Atkinson, Edwards, Starr, Beyer

**Nays:** Burdick, Girod

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/17, 4/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to adopt rules declaring an alcohol impact area upon petition by a representative of a municipality having a population of 50,000 persons or more. Authorizes the Commission to take actions to reduce serious and persistent problems within alcohol impact area, including disturbances, lewd or unlawful activities, prohibited public drinking, public intoxication or noise. Creates criteria for content of petition. Authorizes the Commission to limit hours of operation for licensed premises, restrict sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, and deny applications for licensing of additional premises in alcohol impact area. Creates exemptions. Directs Commission to annually review any rule establishing alcohol impact area, and solicit public input. Requires the Commission to conduct initial review of rules establishing alcohol impact area prior to effective date, and again no later than one year after effective date.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Substantial police presence required in alcohol-focused areas.
- Ability to ban specific products versus categories of products
- Program voluntary for local governments

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 764 A authorizes the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to take any actions necessary to reduce serious and persistent problems within an alcohol impact area but specifically lists several options, including limiting the hours of operation for licensed premises, restricting the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, and denying applications for the licensing of additional premises. Alcohol impact areas are currently allowed by rule in the City of Portland, but Senate Bill 764 A allows other larger cities to be eligible to take part in the program. The concept for measure stems from Eugene where, after recruiting businesses in a specific area to voluntarily forego the sale of alcoholic products, the area experienced a dramatic reduction in criminal activity.

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