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**Testimony of Farshad Allahdadi, License Services Director
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Senate Bill 37 adds back into Oregon law the ability to deny a liquor license to an applicant who has been convicted of violating federal law. All violations must substantially relate to the fitness and ability of the applicant to lawfully carry out the activities of the license.

The agency believes this is a very important tool in evaluating liquor license applications as it closes a potential loophole that might allow applicants with federal criminal histories to obtain an Oregon liquor license when they could be denied for similar violations of state law. This tool helps support the agency's overall public safety mission and simply restores a criterion that has been available for screening purposes for decades.

This bill revises ORS 471.313 (4) (d) to specifically include federal laws in the denial criteria used for evaluating a liquor license application in Oregon. This provision corrects the inadvertent omission of this criterion when SB 36 was passed in 2011.

I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

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