

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 10 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Barton, Fagan, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Thompson, Weidner, Witt, Doherty
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/1, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases from one to five the number of premises owned or leased by the licensed distiller, in addition to the distiller’s licensed premise, where distiller can conduct tastings.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- On-site sales of bottled distilled spirits where tastings occur
- Proponents’ “cautious” approach in asking for tastings at only five locations
- Size of tastings for distilled spirits
- Effect of tourism
- Distiller can only provide tastings of its own product
- Impact on liquor store agents

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: Current law allows a distillery licensee to conduct tastings at the licensed premises of the distillery and at one other premise owned or leased by the distiller. The distillery licensee may also hold a full on-premises sales license, and tastings can also occur at the full on-premise licensed premises. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) may allow the off-premises (“to-go”) sale of distilled spirits bottles at premises approved for tastings. In order to sell distilled spirits by the bottle at a tasting room, the OLCC and distillery licensee must enter into a Distillery Retail Outlet Agent Agreement. The OLCC requires a physical separation of the tasting room and parts of the premises where on-premises consumption is allowed when to-go bottle sales are permitted.