

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 6 - 2 - 1
Yeas: Boone, Dembrow, Johnson, Reardon, Vega Pederson, Bailey
Nays: Bentz, Weidner
Exc.: Whitsett
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Meeting Dates: 4/23, 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to impose civil penalties of not more than \$500 for violation of Oregon Bottle Bill provisions relating to beverage containers. Authorizes OLCC to review or audit records within six months of receiving reports of distributor cooperative, distributor or importer that does not participate in distributor cooperative. Requires distributor cooperative, distributor or importer to retain independent financial firm to conduct audit if OLCC determines audit is necessary. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the Bottle Bill
- OLCC return data
- Audit frequency and costs
- Costs for customers and retailers for bottle redemption

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon enacted the “Bottle Bill” in 1971. In 2012, the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 1508, allowing two or more beverage distributors to establish a cooperative and required cooperatives, distributors and importers to report information on bottle returns to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). Senate Bill 112 A allows the OLCC to levy a civil penalty for violating statutory provisions relating to beverage containers. Senate Bill 112 A also allows OLCC to review or audit records of cooperatives, distributors and importers within six months of receiving a report.