

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

SB 1559

Relating to alcoholic beverages

Senate Bill 1559 establishes the Oregon Liquor Control Modernization Task Force to evaluate the existing system for distributing and selling liquor, and to identify means of modernizing the system. The task force is required to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by October 1, 2014. The measure also allows liquor enforcement inspectors to access the Law Enforcement Data System for purposes of background checks related to license issuance.

The Subcommittee recommends amending to the bill to delete the task force and related report, and to clarify that the enforcement division of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission has access to the Law Enforcement Data System for purposes of conducting background checks. Without the Law Enforcement Data System provision, OLCC must contract for the provision of commercial criminal histories, costing approximately \$166,500 annually.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends that Senate Bill 1559 be amended and reported out do pass, as amended.