

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

MEASURE: SB 623 A
CARRIER: Sen. Girod

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/02/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 03/02

Vote:
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates wine production restriction on winery licensee, or person having interest in winery licensee, that acquires full on-premises sales license.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History behind the 200,000-gallon production limit
- Growth in the Oregon wine industry
- Various license issues

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Clarifies that the elimination of the production restriction only applies to wineries.

BACKGROUND:

Current law allows wineries and breweries to sell beer and wine. Breweries and wineries also are eligible for the full on-premises sales license, which allows them to sell distilled spirits. If the winery or brewery exceeds 200,000 gallons in production annually they are no longer eligible for the full on-premises sales license. There are now multiple wineries that exceed that capacity and, because of the annual gallonage cap in ORS 471.223, are becoming ineligible for a full on-premises sales license. Senate Bill 623-A removes the restriction for wineries.