Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: SB 583 A CARRIER: Sen. Girod

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	No Revenue Impact
Action Date:	04/08/15
Action:	Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Meeting Dates:	03/02, 03/30, 04/08
Vote:	
	Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe
	Exc: 2 - Riley, Thomsen
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits brewery-public house licensees to sell at wholesale and distribute up to 7,500 barrels of malt beverages per year produced by the licensee to other licensees of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Allows brewery-public house licensees to distribute any amount of malt beverages manufactured at the licensee's premises to any other manufacturer, wholesaler or retail premises licensed to the same licensee. Allows a brewery-public house licensee to hold, directly or indirectly, an interest in an off-premises sales licensee without additional conditions. Permits direct shippers of wine or cider to report quarterly rather than monthly to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Additional amendments considered
- Development of local brewery-public houses, cider and distilled spirits
- Changes with industry and Oregon Liquor Control Commission

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 583A is a product of the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation's work during the 2013-1014 Interim Session regarding the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Oregon law allows individuals holding a brewery-public house license to self-distribute if they produce less than 5,000 barrels per year. In 1985, brewery-public houses could not distribute, except to one other location under same ownership. During the last thirty years, the number of barrels allowed for distribution has grown to 5,000. In comparison, breweries were allowed to distribute up to 10,000 barrels in 1985. The limit for breweries has risen four times in thirty years, and currently there is no limit.

Senate Bill 583A also modifies reporting requirements for direct shippers of wine and cider from monthly to quarterly reports to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.