

HB 2089 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Trade

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows liquor stores and distillery retail outlet agents to sell vermouth for off-premises consumption. Specifies vermouth sold must be in factory-sealed containers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Vermouth is fortified wine flavored with botanicals. Under current Oregon law, Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) licensed retailers and distillery retail outlet agents are prohibited from selling vermouth.

House Bill 2089 allows liquor stores and distillery retail outlet agents to sell vermouth for off-premises consumption so long as the vermouth sold is in factory-sealed containers.