

**SB 1049 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases the maximum allowable size for beer, wine and cider growlers from two gallons to 5.16 gallons.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A "growler" is a refillable container of up to two gallons that may be used, once securely covered, to transport beer, wine or cider purchased at retail by a consumer. Growlers have been legal for use in transporting beer for years; Senate Bill 1039 (2010) expanded the allowable use of growlers to cider and wine products. When used to purchase product at retail, a growler may only be filled by a person with a valid alcohol server permit, and may only be purchased at an establishment covered by one of the following licenses issued by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission: brewpub; full on-premise sales; growler sales privilege; limited on-premises sales; off-premises sales; or winery. Empty growlers must be provided by the consumer, though many licensees offer empty growlers for sale that can be filled on-site. Filled growlers that are not sealed are considered open containers, and are not allowed to be shipped.