

**SB 247 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires person responsible for operation of a redemption center to register by July 1 each year with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and pay an annual \$3,000 fee for each redemption center operated. Establishes Bottle Bill Fund.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Adds "kombucha" to types of beverages covered by the Bottle Bill.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1971, Oregon enacted the "Bottle Bill," which is the nation's longest-standing deposit law. In 2007, the legislature expanded coverage of the five-cent beverage container deposit to include water and flavored water. In 2011, the legislature passed House Bill 3145, expanding the types of beverage containers subject to the deposit to include juices, teas and more; the measure also set a trigger for the deposit to increase to 10 cents if the recycling rate fell below 80 percent for two consecutive years, and set up a redemption center pilot project. In 2012, the legislature passed Senate Bill 1508 to provide incentives for a more efficient system for distributors to collect empty containers from stores. In 2013, Senate Bill 117 modified the redemption center program by removing its status as a pilot program and authorizing the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) to approve additional centers. The redemption centers— known as "BottleDrops"—are operated and funded by the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative in partnership with grocery retailers.

Senate Bill 247 would require bottle redemption center operators to submit an annual registration and fee to the OLCC.