

SB 93 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds requirement that Oregon Liquor Control Commission state in order approving a redemption center whether the center will be located in an area zoned for commercial use or will be located in an area that will provide more convenient service given the proximity to dealers within the convenience zone served by the center. States that redemption center is not a recycling depot for purposes of specified recycling laws.

No subsequent referral

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces measure. Defines "dealer redemption center," "full service redemption center," and "redemption center." Authorizes establishment of dealer redemption center to serve one or more dealers in an area that is not part of a convenience zone specified by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). Requires that dealer redemption center must provide secure drop off service at no charge in a bag or other bulk return container sold for that purpose, provide an accounting mechanism by which person may redeem container refund value either immediately in cash or no later than one week after containers are dropped off, be service by a distributor cooperative for purposes of transporting and processing redeemed containers, and be available for use at specified hours, and be of sufficient capacity to provide convenient service to the public as OLCC may determine. Requires distributor cooperative that services dealer redemption center to provide specified notices and information to OLCC. Authorizes dealer who participates in, is served by and pays the cost of participating in a dealer redemption center to refuse to accept and pay refund value of more than 24 empty containers returned by any one person during one day. Directs OLCC to specify a dealer redemption center convenience zone if dealer redemption center is establishes in a city with population of less than 10,000. Requires zone to be sector within a radius of not more than one mile around the center. Adds requirement that Oregon Liquor Control Commission state in order approving a redemption center whether the center will be located in an area zoned for commercial use or will be located in an area that will provide more convenient service given the proximity to dealers within the convenience zone served by the center. States that redemption center is not a recycling depot for purposes of specified recycling laws. Makes conforming changes to bottle bill statutes.

BACKGROUND:

In 1971, Oregon enacted the "Bottle Bill," which is the nation's longest-standing beverage container deposit law. In 2007, the legislature expanded coverage of the five-cent deposit to include water and flavored water. In 2011, the legislature expanded the types of beverage containers subject to the deposit to include juices, teas and more; 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. (A redemption center is a facility where consumers may bring their empty containers to redeem their deposit.) In 2013, Senate Bill 117 removed the status of the redemption center program as a pilot program and authorized 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. OLCC approves redemption centers if the agency determines that a center will offer a convenient service to the public. There are 25 BottleDrops currently

operating in Oregon.

Senate Bill would add a requirement that OLCC state in its order approving a redemption center whether the center will be located in an area zoned for commercial use or will be located in an area that will provide more convenient service given the proximity to dealers within the convenience zone served by the center. The measure would also state that a redemption center is not a recycling depot for purposes of the state's recycling laws.