

SB 590 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

States that for purpose of obligation to redeem beverage containers, the space a dealer occupies equals the retail space if: (1) the retail space is less than 5,000 square feet, (2) the retail space occupies less than 50 percent of the leased or owned space where retail operations are located, and (3) the nonretail space is used in whole or part for the manufacturing of beverages. Allows Oregon Liquor Control Commission to issue more than one brewery-public house license at single premises under certain conditions. Allows brewery-public house licensees and brewery licensees to produce malt beverages for a brewery-public house licensee under a custom order agreement. Allows Commission to adopt content rules for custom order agreements. Repeals alcohol percentage limit for malt beverage labeled or otherwise designated as beer.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under the Oregon Bottle Bill, a dealer (person who engages in the sale of beverages in beverage containers to a consumer) occupying a space of less than 5,000 square feet in a single area may refuse to accept for bottle deposit redemption any containers of the kind, size, and brand that the dealer does not sell. Current law does not differentiate types of space for purposes of this calculation. Senate Bill 590-A identifies when the space occupied by a dealer equals the retail space for purposes of bottle bill deposit redemption requirements.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) oversees the sale of alcoholic beverages and recreational marijuana to allow access to responsible adults while protecting Oregon’s public health, safety, and community livability. The OLCC manages and distributes distilled spirits, licenses and regulates businesses that sell and serve alcohol, and trains and issues permits for alcohol servers.

A brewery licensee and brewery-public house licensee may make malt beverages at a first location and may sell malt beverages, wine, and cider to individuals at up to three locations in Oregon. A brewery licensee may also obtain a winery license to produce wine or cider. Senate Bill 590-A allows brewery and brewery-public house licensees to produce malt beverages for a brewery-public house licensee under a custom order agreement, as defined by OLCC rules. The measure also allows the OLCC to issue more than one brewery-public house license at a single premises under certain conditions.