

SB 93 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**Action Date:** 04/09/19**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 5-0-0-0**Yeas:** 5 - Bentz, Dembrow, Olsen, Prozanski, Roblan**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Beth Patrino, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 3/14, 4/9**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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 a 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 serviced by a distributor cooperative for purposes of transporting and processing redeemed containers, 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 established 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 OLCC state in an 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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Siting of BottleDrop redemption centers
- Confusion around how BottleDrops fit into local codes
- Customers wanting to use green bag drop off of beverage containers in areas without a redemption center or areas where redemption centers are not feasible
- Nearly 320,000 households with green bag accounts; how to provide more green bag options for customers
- BottleDrop express facilities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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

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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 93-A would allow the development of dealer redemption centers to provide secure beverage container drop off service in a bag or other bulk return container.