

HB 3239 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/17/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Baertschiger Jr, Burdick, Dembrow, Roblan

Nays: 1 - Boquist

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 6/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes limit on number of full on-premises sales licenses that distillery licensee may hold. Allows licensees and permittees to verify person's age through proof of participation in program operated by United States Customs and Border Protection. Eliminates requirement that distillery license involve beverage with alcoholic content greater than 10 percent. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Encouraging lower alcohol content
- International border

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) is responsible for regulating the sale and service of alcoholic beverages in Oregon by administering the Oregon Liquor Control Act. A distillery licensee may make and import distilled spirits into Oregon; export distilled spirits out of Oregon; sell distilled spirits to the OLCC (for sale in a liquor store); and sell distilled spirits in amounts greater than one gallon to another Oregon distillery licensee. A distillery license holder may also obtain a full on-premises sales license for the distillery's location and one other location.

A full on-premises licensee may sell and serve distilled spirits, malt beverages, wine, and cider for consumption on the premises; sell malt beverages, wine, and cider to individuals in a secure container up to two gallons for consumption off the premises; and is eligible for special events licenses and to apply for pre-approval to cater specified events off the licensed premises.