Senate Bill 603
Sponsored by Senator WINTERS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY
The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Allows Oregon Liquor Control Commission to enter into interstate agreements with agencies of other states for purpose of ensuring multistate enforcement of standards for wine consistent with standards of state where wine was produced.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to wine.
Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 471

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:
(a) “American viticultural area” means a delimited grape-growing region approved under 27 C.F.R. part 9 for use as an appellation of origin for wine under 27 C.F.R. part 4.
(b) “Participating state” means a state that is a party to an interstate agreement regarding wine.
(c) “Production state” means a state that is identified or implied on the wine label as the source of the wine or that contains an American viticultural area that is an appellation of origin on the wine label.
(2) The Oregon Liquor Control Commission, with the advice and consent of the Attorney General, may enter into agreements for the agencies of the participating states to undertake good faith actions to mutually respect production state interests in preserving wine quality and reputation and to protect consumers, including but not limited to:
(a) Identifying and agreeing to common principles and values regarding wine labeling, packaging, advertising and marketing.
(b) Developing and amending model standards for wines that are consistent with the adopted or amended standards of the production state for the same wines.
(c) Providing information regarding standards or amendments to standards that each participating state has adopted for a wine.
(d) Exchanging information for purposes of ensuring that the participating states vigorously and uniformly enforce standards for wine.
(e) Collecting taxes on wine owed to another participating state.
(3) The commission may appoint advisory committees to assist the commission in evaluating proposals by the commission or by a participating state regarding labeling, content, blendings, appellations of origin or other matters related to a wine.
(4) The commission shall consult with the Attorney General prior to entering into any interstate agreement under this section.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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