

LC 151: Bottle Bill Expansion, Access, and Transparency

Bottle Bill Work Group

- Twenty-one members and many others have participated in process.
- Work Group scope was based off Senate Bill 847A, 2021.
- Work Group has met monthly since September (4 meetings).

Nonparticipating Distributors

- Ensure that distributors not participating in the distributor cooperative are providing consumers with the same redemption experience and contributing to the costs of administering the Bottle Bill Program.
- LC 151 differentiates between manufacturers that sell directly to dealers and distributors that sell beverages manufactured by others.
 - Direct distributor selling their own product would either join a cooperative or pay an annual fee to OLCC.
 - Distributors either join a cooperative or provide the same services provided to consumers being served by cooperative and pay fee based on the number of redemption centers in the state.

Transparency

- Modifies the requirement for notices required to be displayed by dealers informing consumers of the reasons a dealer may refuse to accept empty beverage containers and requires OLCC to develop and provide the notices to the dealers.

Consumer Access

- Requires distributor cooperative to report to Legislative Assembly no later than February 15th of each year regarding expansion activities for previous calendar year, expansion priorities for current year and efforts to expand and enhance alternative redemption access opportunities for individuals who redeem containers on a daily or near daily basis.

Bottle Bill Expansion

- Requires payment of refund value for wine in cans beginning January 1, 2024.
- Allows wine in cans to be sold and redeemed without the refund value being indicated on the container until April 1, 2025.