

SB 317 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows holder of full on-premises sales liquor license to make retail sales of mixed drinks in sealed containers for off-premises consumption. Becomes operative January 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: minimal impact

FISCAL: minimal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of pandemic on restaurants and relief provided in Senate Bill 1801 (2020 3rd S.S.)
- OLCC regulations for sale of mixed drinks and single servings of wine for off-premises consumption and delivery

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Adds single servings of wine and wine-based mixed drinks to beverages that may be sold for off-premises consumption.

BACKGROUND:

A full on-premises sales license from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) allows the holder to sell wine, malt beverages, cider, and distilled liquor by the drink for consumption on the licensed premises with certain exceptions for consumption off the licensed premises only for malt beverages, wines, and cider.

Enacted during the 2020 3rd Special Session, Senate Bill 1801 allows a full on-premises sales licensee to sell and deliver mixed drinks and single servings of wine for off-premises consumption if sold in a sealed container. Rules adopted by OLCC must allow for not more than two beverages per substantial food item ordered. Senate Bill 1801 (2020 3rd S.S.) sunsets 60 days after the expiration of the Governor's COVID-19 state of emergency.

Senate Bill 317 allows a full on-premises sales licensee to sell and deliver mixed drinks in a sealed container for off-premises consumption beginning January 1, 2022. Sales must be made directly to the consumer, although delivery may be made through a third party. The measure allows OLCC to adopt rules establishing additional requirements for the retail sale of beverages for off-premises consumption.