

HB 2742 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows holder of off-premises sales license to sell malt beverages, wine, and cider in factory-sealed containers that hold more than seven gallons beginning January 1, 2022. Authorizes the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to adopt rules. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

House vote: Ayes, 48; Nays, 11--Boshart Davis, Drazan, Hayden, Moore-Green, Nearman, Noble, Rayfield, Reschke, Smith G, Sollman; Excused, 1--Clem

No fiscal impact; minimal revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential to increase sales for off-premises sales licensees
- Consumer demand for accessible keg purchases

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) oversees the sale of alcoholic beverages and recreational marijuana to allow access to responsible adults while protecting Oregon's public health, safety, and community livability. The OLCC advocates responsible alcohol consumption by managing and distributing distilled spirits, licensing and regulating businesses that sell and serve alcohol, and training and issuing permits for alcohol servers. The OLCC issues licenses for the purposes of manufacturing, storing, distributing, and retailing distilled spirits, wine, cider, and malt beverages.

An off-premises sales licensee may sell factory-sealed containers and refillable securely covered containers ("growlers") of malt beverages, wine, and cider at retail to individuals in Oregon for consumption off the licensed premises. Factory-sealed containers of malt beverages sold under an off-premises sales license may not hold more than two and one-quarter gallons. A limited on-premises sales license is required for a licensee to sell malt beverages in factory-sealed containers that hold more than seven gallons per container ("keg") for consumption off the licensed premises.

House Bill 2742 allows holders of off-premises sales licenses to sell factory-sealed containers of malt beverages that hold more than seven gallons beginning January 1, 2022.