

SB 750 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Carrier: Sen. Frederick

Action Date: 03/09/21
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Hansell, Jama, Lieber, Riley
Exc: 1 - Kennemer
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Liquor Control Commission to grant temporary letter of authority valid for up to 180 days to eligible applicant for any liquor license issued by commission. Authorizes commission to revoke or refuse to issue temporary letter of authority without administrative proceedings and clarifies those actions are not a contested case under the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of allowing greater flexibility in administering liquor licenses
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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. Businesses that sell, manufacture, import, or distribute alcohol in Oregon must obtain a license, and employees who serve alcohol must obtain a service permit.

Unless otherwise specified in law, Oregon liquor licenses are issued for a period of one year or less and expire at midnight at the end of a calendar quarter. Temporary letters of authority or licenses issued by the commission are valid for the time frame established in the temporary instrument. Temporary letters of authority for change of ownership and off-premises sales may not exceed 90 days, may be extended for 30 days under specified circumstances, and may be revoked without administrative proceedings.

Senate Bill 750 authorizes the commission to issue a temporary letter of authority for any liquor license for up to 180 days if the applicant meets eligibility requirements adopted by the commission. The measure allows the commission to revoke or refuse to issue a temporary letter of authority and specifies that those actions are not a contested case under the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act.