

**SB 515 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On General Government**

**Carrier:** Rep. Wilde

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**Action Date:** 05/04/21  
**Action:** Do Pass.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0-0  
**Yeas:** 5 - Leif, Lively, Valderrama, Wilde, Zika  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**Meeting Dates:** 4/27, 5/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires employees of a full or limited on-premises sales license to report to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) and law enforcement any reasonable belief that sex trafficking or employment of minors is occurring at the licensed premises. Provides immunity from liability for good faith reporting, and becomes operative January 1, 2022. Authorizes OLCC to adopt rules and to revoke or suspend the service permit of employees for failure to report. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure
- Options to report to social service entities in addition to law enforcement
- Training to identify signs of sex trafficking

**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. The OLCC also issues licenses for alcohol sales at special events and permits for serving alcoholic beverages. The type of license an individual or business needs to obtain depends on the types of activities they will perform and where the business is physically located. A full on-premises sales license allows the license holder to sell by the drink retail wine, malt beverages, cider and distilled liquor, any of which must be consumed on the licensed premises. The holder of a limited on-premises sales license may also sell alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the licensed premises, and these beverages are limited to wine, malt beverages, and cider. Any person employed by a licensee of the OLCC must have a valid service permit issued by the commission if the person participates in the mixing, selling or service of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the licensed premises.

Sex trafficking is defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 as “the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.” It involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to make an adult engage in commercial sex acts. Trafficking victims are often subject to both physical and psychological coercion, rendering them unable or unwilling to seek help or attempt escape from forced labor or sex trades.

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Senate Bill 515 requires employees of a full or limited on-premises sales licensee to report to the OLCC and law enforcement any reasonable belief that sex trafficking or the employment of minors is occurring at the licensed premises. The measure provides immunity from liability for good faith reporting, and authorizes the OLCC to revoke or suspend the service permit of employees for failure to report.