

SB 317 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On General Government

Carrier: Rep. Nosse

Action Date: 05/18/21
Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 3-2-0-0
Yeas: 3 - Leif, Wilde, Zika
Nays: 2 - Lively, Valderrama
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 4/29, 5/13, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of pandemic on restaurants in the state
- General access to alcoholic beverages
- Requirements that alcoholic beverages be paired with food items

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A full on-premises sales license issued by 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. Additionally, the license holder may sell for consumption off the licensed premises malt beverages, wines and cider in securely covered containers provided by the consumer and having capacities of not more than two gallons each.

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 the OLCC must allow for not more than two beverages per substantial food item ordered. The measure sunsets 60 days after the expiration of the Governor's COVID-19 state of emergency.

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