

# Senate Bill 573

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(Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Bottle Bill Expansion Task Force. Directs task force to evaluate and make recommendations for establishing refund value for certain beverage containers.

Sunset December 31, 2022.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to establishing refund values for beverage containers; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “dealer,” “distributor” and “manufacturer” have**  
5 **the meaning given those terms in ORS 459A.700.**

6 **(2) The Bottle Bill Expansion Task Force is established.**

7 **(3) The task force consists of 13 members appointed as follows:**

8 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**  
9 **Senate.**

10 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**  
11 **members of the House of Representatives.**

12 **(c) The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall appoint one member**  
13 **to represent the department.**

14 **(d) The chairperson of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission shall appoint ten members**  
15 **as follows:**

16 **(A) One member to represent the commission;**

17 **(B) One member to represent a distributor cooperative established under ORS 459A.718;**

18 **(C) One member to represent the interests of dealers;**

19 **(D) One member to represent the interests of recycling advocacy organizations;**

20 **(E) One member to represent the interests of environmental organizations;**

21 **(F) One member to represent the interests of distributors and manufacturers who would**  
22 **be potentially affected by recommendations described in subsection (4) of this section; and**

23 **(G) Four members who have knowledge and expertise in a system for charging and re-**  
24 **deeming a refund value for beverage containers.**

25 **(4)(a) The task force shall evaluate and make recommendations for establishing a**  
26 **beverage container refund value for beverages and containers that are exempt from the re-**  
27 **quirements of ORS 459A.700 to 459A.744 or to which the requirements of ORS 459A.700 to**  
28 **459A.744 do not apply. Recommendations must include consideration of:**

29 **(A) Wine in metal cans;**

30 **(B) Wine in glass bottles;**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (C) Distilled liquor;
- 2 (D) Premixed beverages containing distilled liquor;
- 3 (E) Water in a quantity more than three liters; and
- 4 (F) Other beverages or containers the task force deems appropriate.

5 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(F) of this subsection, the task force may not recom-  
6 mend removing the exemption found in ORS 459A.702 for dairy or plant-based milks or infant  
7 formula or recommend establishing a refund value for liquids that are not intended for hu-  
8 man consumption.

9 (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the  
10 transaction of business.

11 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting  
12 members of the task force.

13 (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

14 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-  
15 ment to become immediately effective.

16 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
17 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

18 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

19 (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
20 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative  
21 Assembly related to environment and natural resources no later than September 15, 2022.

22 (12) The Oregon Liquor Control Commission shall provide staff support to the task force.

23 (13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting  
24 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

25 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
26 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task  
27 force.

28 (15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
29 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted  
30 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task  
31 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

32 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2022.

33 **SECTION 3.** This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021  
34 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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