

SB 616 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases from two to five number of cases of cider or malt beverages, containing not more than 9 liters per case, that holder of direct shipper permit may ship to Oregon resident per month.

FISCAL: No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE: Has Minimal Revenue Impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 26; Nays, 4

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of bottles in a case.
- Volume of liquid allowed in a case.
- Bringing cider and malt beverages in parity with wine.
- Increased access for cider or malt beverages not widely available
- Public health
- Alternate forms of distribution

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires a person to obtain a direct shipper permit to sell and ship malt beverages, wine, or cider directly to an Oregon resident. A person who makes such a direct shipment without having a direct shipper permit commits a Class A misdemeanor. Additionally, persons making these shipments are prohibited from knowingly or negligently delivering the malt beverages, wine, or cider to persons under age 21 or to persons who are visibly intoxicated.

Currently, the holder of a direct shipper permit may only ship up to two cases of cider or malt beverages that contain not more than nine liters per case and up to five cases of wine that contain not more than nine liters per case per month. Senate Bill 616 allows a direct shipper permit holder to ship up to five cases of cider or malt beverages, containing not more than nine liters per case, per month to Oregon resident.