

HB 2523 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Economic Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Oregon Liquor Control Commission agents and distillery retail outlet agents to deliver distilled liquor to consumers subject to Commission rules. Specifies requirements for deliveries.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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 was created in 1933 during a special session of the Legislative Assembly following the end of national prohibition. Oregon chose a “control” system, giving the state the exclusive right to sell packaged distilled spirits through retail liquor stores operated by contracted agents, and is one of seventeen states that sell distilled spirits through government-operated stores or designated outlets that the state supervises under a sales agent contract. The OLCC manages and distributes distilled spirits, licenses and regulates businesses that sell and serve alcohol, and train and issue permits for alcohol servers.

Legislation enacted in 2008 first allowed OLCC off-premises sales license holders to deliver wine or cider to Oregon residents after obtaining a direct shipper permit. Malt beverages were added in 2015. House Bill 2523 allows OLCC agents and distillery retail outlet agents to deliver distilled liquor to consumers subject to OLCC rules and with the same delivery requirements as for malt beverages, wine, and cider.