

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 6 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/16, 2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Revises authority of charitable organizations and nonprofit organizations to sell alcoholic beverages in factory-sealed containers without a license, including sales by raffle. Allows such organizations to auction or raffle cider and limited amounts of distilled liquor. Limits duration of raffles. Specifies origin and importation requirements for auctioned or raffled alcoholic beverages. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Makes distilled spirit raffles/sales consistent with beer and wine raffles/sales for charitable organizations
- Oregon State Capitol Foundation fundraiser example

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current law provides some exceptions for the selling of alcohol and for some activities of raffling or selling of wine, beer and other alcoholic beverages during events. These exceptions are outlined in seven categories within ORS 471.162. The sixth category involves nonprofit entities that do not hold a license issued by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). House Bill 4047 expands this exception to allow for liquor sales of up to four liters. The bottles in question must be imported and/or distributed in Oregon in the current fashion conducted by the OLCC. The events where such sales may occur are those that occur once per year and last for no more than one day; such events require prior approval by the OLCC.