

YES on HB 4053: Brewery License Clarity



Oregon is a bastion of craft beer thanks in good part to laws passed by the Oregon Legislature to help brewers succeed. However, our current licensing types overlap and require brewers to obtain multiple licenses. This causes confusion and additional costs to the state and brewery.

A broad-based workgroup was convened

to:

- Consolidate brewery privileges into one license and eliminate the need for stacking other licenses.
- Provide clarity on what licenses are being used for what purpose, thereby allowing the state, OLCC, and businesses to more easily understand the impact of potential legislation.
- Create more efficient government process by eliminating the need for the OLCC to issue multiple licenses, especially when the OLCC fails to recoup their costs to issue those licenses.



Participants: Rep. Holvey, OLCC, House Business and Labor Committee Staff, Oregon brewers (Ninkasi, Cascade, Widmer), Oregon Brewers Guild, Oregon Beer & Wine Distributors Association, Maletis Beverage, Anheuser-Busch, Miller/Coors, and Oregon Winegrowers Association. Additional, limited participation by Rep. Kennemer, Sen. Prozanski, Sen. Beyer's office, Breakside Brewery, The Commons Brewery, and Fort George Brewery.

House Bill 4053 – A workgroup product that:

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- Allows for brewers to maintain the following privileges, without the need to get a winery license:
 - Sale of guest beer taps
 - Sale of wine and cider guest taps
 - The ability to obtain a special events license
 - The ability to have three retail locations

- Clarifies that a brewery can obtain a:
 - Wholesale malt beverage and wine license (WMBW) to distribute
 - Winery license to make wine or cider, and/or
 - Full on-premises sales license to serve distilled spirits

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