# OLCC LIQUOR AGENT ISSUES

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#### **AGENCY 1182 – HOLLYWOOD BEVERAGE**

- Oldest liquor store in Oregon opened March '34
- Appointed in 2008, sales were \$1.65M, 92<sup>nd</sup> in state for liquor volume
- One of 4 pilot stores to convert to non-exclusive in 2012, adding beer and wine
- Moved to current location in 2012, tripling space
  - Added large walk-in beer cooler
  - Added growler station, third growler station in PDX
- Became #1 liquor store in state by sales volume in 2015, currently #2
  - 55% counter sales, 45% licensee
  - Commission is approximately 7.7% net, due to structure of compensation formula (larger stores subsidize smaller stores, some of which receive 20+% commission)



#### **IMPACT OF MIN WAGE INCREASES**

- For every full-time employee (40/hrs per week)
  - Minimum wage increasing from \$9.75/hr to \$14.75/hr (PDX)
  - Currently \$12/hr (PDX)
- Chart does not include payroll taxes, W/C insurance

Increase/hr	\$	5.00	
	Month		
Labor Hours		200	
Labor Cost	\$	1,000	
Sales increase required	\$	12,987	
Increased Rev to OR*	\$	4,675	

★ Based on 36% net, OLCC data





#### ADDITIONAL SALES TO BREAK EVEN (PER EMPLOYEE!)

- Jameson Irish Whiskey (750mL) is highest \$\$ sales in Oregon
  - Current price is \$29.95 per 750mL bottle
  - Often on post off for \$26.95 (3-4 m,onths/year)
- To break even on \$5/hr wage increase, must achieve these sales:

	Month			Yea
	\$29.95	\$	26.95	\$29.95
Bottles Jameson	434		482	4,423
cases	36		40	369



## 42 CASES OF JAMESON 750ML

 36-40 cases increased sales needed monthly for EVERY employee enjoying \$5/hr min wage increase!



### **1182 HOLLYWOOD 3 YEAR PERFORMANCE**

					Year Over Year Growth					
	(	Counter	Licensee	Total	Counter	Licensee		Total	Cor	np Increase
2016	\$	6,371,820	\$4,646,314	\$11,018,134						
2017	\$	6,509,900	\$4,943,378	\$11,453,278	\$ 138,080	\$297,064	3.9%	\$ <mark>435,1</mark> 44	\$	33,506.09
2018	\$	6,755,836	\$4,918,678	\$11,674,514	\$ 245,936	(\$24,700)	1.9%	\$ 221,236	\$	17,035.17

- Average commission to 1182 is7.7%, not 8.93%
- Annual sales are 2 times #18 ranked store
- \$245K growth is more than annual sales at 40+ agencies!
- Oregon revenue increase in 2017 was \$156K, \$79K for 2018

#### **1182 HOLLYWOOD**

• Sample Cost Increases

	Wages			crease	
2016	\$	398,098			\$
2017	\$	414,649	\$	16,551	\$
2018	\$	482,633	\$	67,984	\$ :

• In 2018, increased commission from liquor sales improvements was \$73,074 LESS than increases in labor and rent alone!



#### **SUMMARY**

- Oregon Liquor Agents generate significant revenue for Oregonians, while beer and wine taxes or license fees are relatively miniscule
- Agent compensation has not increased substantially for decades, despite growing sales
- Compensation formulas used by OLCC do not equitably distribute commissions and larger stores effectively subsidize smaller stores
- Legislated increased labor costs and other business expenses will impact Liquor Agents who do not control their prices and cannot react like other industries
- Providing increased compensation to account for legislated costs can be funded through organic growth and still provide record-high revenues

#### **CONCLUSION**

 Oregon liquor agents have significantly grown sales and tax revenue to Oregon resulting over the past decade. The State benefits from this growth more than 4 times compared to the agent. Oregon liquor agents need more compensation to address rising costs, attract and retain a skilled workforce, and to continue to invest in improvements. There is plenty of room to share growth with liquor agents and continue to grow tax revenues.



#### PROJECTED ALCOHOL NET REVENUE DISTRIBUTION (GRB) 2019-2021 Biennlum (GRB) - All Revenue

\$82 M

\$109 M ncorporated Cities

