

SB 90 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits a food and beverage provider or a convenience store from providing a single-use plastic straw to a consumer unless specifically requested by the consumer. Defines "single-use plastic straw" and exempts from the prohibition: a straw made from materials other than plastic, including paper, pasta, sugar cane, wood, or bamboo; straws attached to or packaged with a beverage container; straws offered for sale in bulk or unconnected with provision of food or beverage; and straws provided in connection with delivery of food or beverage to a consumer in a vehicle. Allows, in certain circumstances, a convenience store to make single-use plastic straws available in an unattended location. Authorizes an enforcement officer from Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Health Authority, or a local government to enforce provisions of this Act, issue a notice for first and second violations, and impose a fine of up to \$25 per day for further violations, up to \$300 per calendar year. Prohibits a local government from enacting a local ordinance that differs from the provisions in this Act after the effective date of the Act. Makes effective on January 1, 2020 the prohibition from providing a single-use plastic straw unless requested by a consumer. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

Senate Vote (4/11/19): Carried by Dembrow. Passed. Ayes, 23; Nays, 6--Boquist, Girod, Heard, Linthicum, Thatcher, Thomsen; Excused, 1--Bentz.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Several cities have instituted bans on providing plastic straws to consumers, including Seattle, San Diego, Miami, and New York City. The City of Portland restricts certain establishments from providing single-use plastic serviceware, including plastic straws unless requested by a customer. Some companies are also working to phase out the use of plastic straws in their business practices, including Starbucks, American Airlines, and Hyatt. In 2018, California became the first state to pass legislation which prohibits full-service restaurants from providing single-use plastic straws to consumers unless requested by the consumer.

Senate Bill 90 A would prohibit a food and beverage provider or a convenience store from providing single-use plastic straws unless requested by the consumer. The Act would authorize an enforcement officer to impose a fine of up to \$25 per day after a second violation, up to \$300 in a calendar year for each food and beverage provider or convenience store.