Representative Gomberg

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION SB 5519 Oregon Liquor Control Commission

SB 5519 is the budget bill for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. The OLCC supports businesses, public safety, and community livability through education and the enforcement of liquor and marijuana laws. The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$247,412,476 Other Funds, and 363 positions (361.00 FTE).

The recommendation includes investments in the following:

- Shipping and warehouse personnel, equipment and facilities;
- Information technology improvements and project management;
- Liquor and marijuana enforcement;
- Agent dispatch; and
- Additional capacity in accounting, internal communications, and human resources.

The budget makes technical adjustments based on updated projections of the number of licensees, the continuation of the per-bottle surcharge imposed by the Commission, and to recognize fee increases implemented by the agency and the legislature.

After a rich and full discussion related to the issue of agents' compensation, the recommendation for store agents' compensation was increased from an average of 8.93% of sales to 9.02% of sales. Expenditure limitation related to compensation for distillery tasting rooms equates to an average of 17% of assumed sales and is broken out separately in the recommended amendment.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 5519 be amended by the –3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.