SB 246   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and General Government

Action Date:	01/29/19
Action:	Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.
Vote:	5-0-0-0
Yeas:	5 - Dembrow, Girod, Hass, Olsen, Riley
Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	Revenue impact issued
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Meeting Dates:	1/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates requirement that amount of alcohol service permit fee in excess of administrative costs be dedicated to Alcohol Education Program. Eliminates annual fee on licenses subject to alcohol server education requirement and fee for each alcohol server permit application dedicated to the Alcohol Education Program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Online portal for alcohol service permits and server education
- Current agency practice and relevance of outdated fees

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) is responsible for regulating the sale and service of alcoholic beverages in Oregon by administering the Oregon Liquor Control Act. Current statute requires the agency to administer the Alcohol Education Program, which includes clerk training and alcohol server education courses. Applicants for a service permit pay a fee of up to $50, any portion of which exceeds the actual administrative cost of that service permit program must be dedicated to the Alcohol Education Program. The agency is also required to assess a maximum annual fee of $2.60 for any license subject to the alcohol server education requirement and $13 for service permit applications, all of which are dedicated to the administration of the Alcohol Education Program.

The OLCC administers service permits and the Alcohol Education Program via an online portal. The fees noted above are a remnant from the paper application system, which is no longer used. Senate Bill 246 aligns statute with current practice by removing fees that are no longer relevant to the administration of service permits and the Alcohol Education Program.