

HB 3001 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows alcohol manufacturer or retailer to lease or furnish equipment to retail licensee for a period not exceeding 14 days. Allows extension of period for reasonable time requirements for equipment to be set up or removed from special event site. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) oversees the sale of alcoholic beverages and recreational marijuana to allow access to responsible adults while protecting Oregon's public health, safety, and community livability. The OLCC was created in 1933 during a special session of the Legislative Assembly following the end of national prohibition. Oregon chose a "control" system, giving the state the exclusive right to sell packaged distilled spirits through retail liquor stores operated by contracted agents, and is one of seventeen states that sell distilled spirits through government-operated stores or designated outlets that the state supervises under a sales agent contract. The OLCC manages and distributes distilled spirits, licenses and regulates businesses that sell and serve alcohol, and trains and issues permits for alcohol servers. Oregon's three-tier system consists of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. "Tied House" regulations require the separation of manufacturers and distributors from retailers and prohibit manufacturers and wholesalers from having any financial or ownership interest in a retail establishment (ORS 471.392 to 471.402). Manufacturers or wholesalers are also prohibited from giving money, discounts, or items of value to a retailer, except for certain exceptions.

House Bill 3001 allows alcohol manufacturers and retailers to lease equipment to retail sales licensees for a period of 14 days, an increase from the current limit of 10 days, while providing extensions of this period as needed for equipment set up and removal.