

HB 3377 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

Action Date: 04/07/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-2-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Lively, Nosse, Reynolds, Salinas, Sanchez, Sollman, Wright

Nays: 2 - Moore-Green, Morgan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/22, 4/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Task Force on Substance Use. Specifies goal of fully funding the addiction, prevention, and recovery plan for the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission through new and existing tax and pricing mechanisms. Directs Task Force to employ racial equity and socioeconomic criteria and consider the impact of lack of access and excessive alcohol consumption on low-income, BIPOC, and tribal communities. Directs Task Force to evaluate existing revenue from alcohol taxes and consider impacts of different revenue approaches on small craft breweries, wineries, and distilleries. Sunsets December 31, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential amendment to replace measure with task force
- HB 3296 (2021)
- Need for addiction recovery services in Oregon
- History of alcohol tax in Oregon
- Goals of Task Force

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Currently malt beverages are taxed at a rate of \$2.61 per 31-gallon barrel. Wine is currently taxed at a rate of 67 cents per gallon.

According to the Oregon Health Authority, in 2017 1,923 Oregonians (40 per 100,000 population) died from alcohol-related causes, which is a 34 percent increase in the overall rate of alcohol-related deaths since 2001.

House Bill 3377 A establishes the Task Force on Substance Use.