

HB 2976 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Spirits Board to develop and promote Oregon distilled spirits industry. Imposes 50 cents surcharge on each bottle of distilled liquor manufactured in Oregon to fund the board. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 adds the number of proof gallons required for two positions on the Oregon Spirits Board (OSB) as well as a requirement for the OSB to submit an economic impact report on the distilled liquor industry before April 1st in even numbered years. the amendment also changes the term ending dates of the initially appointed members to the OSB and changes the operative date of the measure from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

"quasi-public" entities are publicly chartered bodies that provide a public service and are overseen by an appointed board, commission, or committee. Typically, these entities do not rely on the State's General Fund to operate. One type of quasi-public entity is the semi-independent state agency. House Bill 2976 establishes the Oregon Spirits Board (OSB) to develop and promote the Oregon distilled spirits industry as a semi-independent state agency.

The purpose of the OSB is to promote Oregon's distilled spirits industry nationally and internationally, grow the distilled spirits industry through product distribution and tourism, the development of educational opportunities and materials for industry members, and to create and maintain a long-term strategic plan and use the long-term strategic plan to guide granting and funding decisions. The activities and operations of the OSB are funded by a 50 cents surcharge on each bottle of distilled liquor larger than 50 milliliters.