

HB 2976 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Action Date: 03/16/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. Refer to Revenue, then to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Bynum, Diehl, Elmer, Javadi, Lively, Morgan, Nguyen D, Osborne, Pham H, Ruiz, Walters

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/2, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Spirits Board (OSB) to develop and promote Oregon distilled spirits industry. Imposes surcharge of 50 cents on each bottle of distilled liquor manufactured in Oregon to fund OSB. Specifies representation requirements for members. Changes term dates for members. Becomes operative January 1, 2025. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Success of Oregon Wine Board
- Number of distillers in Oregon
- Growing reputation of Oregon spirits

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Specifies representation requirement for two members representing distilled liquor industry. Requires Oregon Spirits Board submit economic impact report to Legislative Assembly on distilled liquor industry no later than April 1 of each even-numbered year. Changes term dates of members. Changes operative date of the measure to January 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

Modeled after the Oregon Wine Board, established as the Oregon Wine Advisory Board in 1983 and changed to the Oregon Wine Board in 2003, House Bill 2976 A establishes the Oregon Spirits Board (OSB).

The purpose of OSB is to promote Oregon's distilled spirits industry nationally and internationally, grow the distilled spirits industry through product distribution and tourism, develop educational opportunities and materials for industry members, and create and maintain a long-term strategic plan and use the long-term strategic plan to guide granting and funding decisions of the board. The activities and operations of the OSB are funded by a 50-cent surcharge on each bottle of distilled liquor larger than 50 milliliters. The operative date of the measure is January 1, 2025.