

HB 2282 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) to study alcohol and send a report to the Legislative Assembly.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet.*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet.*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Standardization of minor decoy operations
- Current standards for liquor store clerks
- Cost of training for clerks
- Fines and repercussions for failing minor decoy operations
- Education and training for liquor store clerks
- Liquor store owner perspective
- Total number of minor decoy operations
- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. It creates a new retail liquor sales permit for individuals who sell alcohol to consumers at distilleries. It removes agents appointed by the commission and retail outlets from randomized minor decoy operations. It requires that licensees and agents are subject to no more than one minor decoy operation per calendar year. It takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Detailed Summary:

Requires a valid retail liquor sales permit issued by Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) for individuals who sell alcohol to consumers and who work for or on behalf of a person that holds a distillery license. Directs OLCC to establish rules for the process of issuing and renewing a retail liquor sales permit. Outlines requirement for OLCC rules. Requires permittee to make the permit available at any time they are on duty for inspection by a regulatory specialist or peace officer.

Updates references to include the retail liquor sales permit in laws around alcoholic beverages.

Removes agents appointed by the commission and retail outlets from randomized minor decoy operations that are part of the uniform standards established by OLCC for investigating sales. Requires that uniform standards established to investigate sales must provide that the licensee or agent may be subject to no more than one minor decoy operation per calendar year.

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Detailed Summary:

Requires the following individuals have a valid retail liquor sales permit issued by Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) in order to sell alcohol to consumers:

- those who perform work that includes selling alcohol to consumers for or on behalf of a distillery licensee
- those who work for or on behalf of an agent selling alcohol to consumers
- an agent under ORS 471.750
- those who personally hold a distillery license

Clarifies that someone who holds a distillery license or performs work for or on behalf of a distillery licensee and who holds a service permit is not required to also hold a retail liquor sales permit.

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BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) is required to establish uniform standards for minor decoy operations. Under current statute, they investigate sales by licensees occurring on licensed premises and in-store sales by agents. They must be conducted to cover a range of licensed premises and retail outlets. House Bill 2282 directs OLCC to study alcohol. The -1 amendment removes in-store sales by agents and retail outlets from the randomized minor decoy operations, requiring that licensees and agents are subject to no more than operation per calendar year. It also requires retail liquor sales permits for people who sell alcohol to consumers at distilleries.