



PUBLIC NOTICE

Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission
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For more information: Bryant Haley, Alcohol Spokesperson, (971-990-3254)

OLCC seeks input on extending distilled spirits surcharge; revenue goes to state's general fund

Written comments may be submitted until 5 PM on January 6, 2023

Public Action: The Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission will accept written public comment on a possible extension of the current 50-cent surcharge on distilled spirits. The Commissioners will hear verbal testimony at the December 15, 2022 Commission Meeting.

Verbal Comment: In order to offer verbal testimony at the December 15, 2022 Commission meeting, please email laura.paul@oregon.gov by December 13 at 5:00 pm.

Written Public Comment: Per [OAR 845-015-0138](#), the Commission shall consider any written or verbal comments before implementing such a price increase.

Written comments can be submitted beginning **November 22, 2022 through January 6, 2023 at 5 PM** to:

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Commission Action: The Commission will take a vote at the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting on January 19, 2023.

Background:

- The current 50-cent per bottle (25 cents per mini bottle) surcharge is scheduled to expire June 30, 2023. The proposed action is a renewal of the surcharge that was initiated in the 2009-2011 biennium and extended through the 2021-2023 biennium.
- If the surcharge is continued, it is expected to generate \$45.2 million for the 2023-2025 biennium. Surcharge revenue is distributed to the State General Fund.

The seven citizen commissioners are the policy-making body of the OLCC. They meet monthly for one day to make decisions on liquor and marijuana licenses, rules, contested case hearings and appointments of liquor store agents. Commission meetings are held every month. Agenda items and meeting information can be obtained on-line at http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/pages/public_meetings.aspx

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Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$625 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)