



News Release

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Commissioners implement marijuana licensing moratorium legislation

Oregon's Hospitality Industry projects growth

Independent Liquor store owners discuss industry strength

PORTLAND, OR. – Oregon's marijuana market has experienced exponential growth, which has led to a crowded market place. In response to this reality, the 2022 Oregon legislature passed legislation requiring the Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission (OLCC) to cease issuing marijuana licenses to applicants who submitted an application after January 1, 2022.

"We see both sides of this issue," stated Commissioner Maletis. "There's people that are very happy and there's people that are very unhappy, but the legislature made a decision. We've always had a unique system in Oregon. There's no easy way to do this."

At its regularly scheduled Commission meeting on **April 21, 2022**, Commissioners received [an update from the Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Industry](#) and heard from Oregon's independently-owned liquor stores on the [strengths of Oregon's liquor market](#). The Commissioners also approved stipulated settlement agreements, initiated rulemaking in response to 2022 legislation and appointed two new agents to operate small business liquor stores in Creswell and Hillsboro-Aloha.

In the face of inflation and labor shortages, the Oregon hospitality industry foresees growth as bars and restaurants continue to staff up and explore efficiencies to streamline their operations. Oregon's independently-owned liquor store operators echoed this sentiment by presenting their own experiences and discussed the future of the liquor industry.

Along with the marijuana license moratorium, Oregon's 2022 legislature enacted several bills requiring OLCC to work with the industry to develop rules to address various changes to OLCC policies. Commissioners voted to enter rulemaking to address the alterations to the bottle bill, requirements for reporting human and sex trafficking in the marijuana industry, and requirements to develop a marijuana license reassignment program for surrendered licenses. OLCC staff will hold public meetings to gain input from the respective industries this summer.

Commissioners also appointed Ryan Gilpatrick to operate the liquor store located at 169 E Oregon Ave. Creswell, OR and Ranli LCC to operate the Hillsboro-Aloha liquor store located

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at 1285 NW 185th Ave. Aloha, OR. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Gilpatrick served as the manager of the Creswell store for the past seven years and brings a wealth of experience to the business. Ranli LCC has been operating the Hillsboro-Aloha store as the temporary agent for the past seven months.

The Commissioners also ratified the following stipulated settlement agreements (detailed information on specific cases can be found [on the OLCC website](#)):

Alcohol Stipulated Agreements

BOOMTOWN SALOON (F-COM) in **Jacksonville** will pay a \$3,645 fine OR serve a 21-day license suspension for two violations.

Marijuana Stipulated Settlement Agreements

JAMAICA JOEL'S in **Eugene, a marijuana retailer,** will pay a \$7,500 fine OR serve a 30-day license suspension for one violation.

MIKE'S GREEN FARM in **Eugene, a marijuana producer,** will pay a \$4,500 fine OR serve a 18-day license suspension for two violations.

CAPITOLA MANAGEMENT in **Medford, a marijuana producer,** has agreed to sell the business for three violations.

Marijuana Licensing Settlement Agreements

CJ OPERATOR in **Cave Junction, a marijuana producer applicant,** accepts licensing restrictions.

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