



PUBLIC NOTICE:

Oregon Liquor Control Commission
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OLCC will be hearing verbal comments at April 25-26, 2013 Commission meeting, regarding a possible extension of the 50-cent surcharge

Written comments may be submitted until May 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission will hear public testimony on a possible extension of the current 50-cent surcharge on distilled spirits during the April Commission meeting scheduled for the April 25-26, 2013. The agenda will be published on the OLCC website Tuesday, April 23, 2013. Please contact Austene Schneider (contact information below) if you wish to appear before the commission during the April meeting, to provide verbal comments. Written comments can be submitted from April 8, 2013 through 5:00 pm on May 23, 2013.

The Governor's Balanced Budget for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for the 2013-2015 biennium includes an extension of the current 50-cent surcharge on distilled spirits. OLCC Commissioners' action is required to continue the current surcharge levels.

The current 50-cent per bottle (25 cents per mini) surcharge is scheduled to expire June 30, 2013. The proposed surcharge is a continuation of the surcharge that was initiated in the 2009-2011 biennium and extended through the 2011-2013 biennium. Should the Commissioners approve an extension, the surcharge could continue.

The Commissioners will vote on whether or not to extend the current 50-cent surcharge at a special meeting on May 24, 2013.

If the surcharge is continued, it is expected to generate \$32.4 million for the biennium. How the revenue is distributed is determined by statute and can only be changed by the legislature.

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 from *April 8 through May 23, 2013* to:

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The five citizen commissioners are the policy-making body of the OLCC. They meet monthly for one or two days to make decisions on liquor licenses, rules, contested case hearings and appointments of liquor store agents. Commission meetings are held every other month at OLCC's main office, 9079 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Room 103A in Portland. Subsequent months, the meetings are held via phone. Agenda items can be obtained on-line at http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/public_meetings.shtml

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