



News Release

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OLCC Commissioners vote to extend the 50-cent surcharge on distilled spirits and reopen public comment period for possible additional 25-cent surcharge

PORTLAND, Ore. – At a special commission meeting held the morning of June 6, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission voted unanimously in favor of extending the current 50-cent per bottle surcharge on distilled spirits. As a result of today's vote, the 50-cent surcharge will be applied to distilled spirits through June 30, 2015.

Commissioners also reopened the public comment period for input on a possible 25-cent additional surcharge through Monday, June 10 at 5 PM. A meeting date for consideration of this additional surcharge has not yet been determined.

The 50-cent per bottle (25-cents for a mini) surcharge is expected to generate \$32.4 million for the 2013-15 biennium. The possible additional 25-cent surcharge per bottle could generate an additional \$16.2 million for the biennium. How the revenue is distributed is determined by statute and can only be changed by the legislature.

The Commissioners previously accepted public testimony as well as written comments prior to making the decision.

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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