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OLCC Commissioners to vote on possible additional 25-cent surcharge

PORTLAND, OR – The Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission will hold a special Commission meeting via phone on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. At the meeting, Commissioners will vote on a possible additional 25-cent surcharge on distilled spirits.

OLCC Commissioners' action is required to establish or amend surcharge levels on distilled spirits.

Last week, Commissioners voted to continue the 50-cent surcharge which has been in effect since April 2009. The 50-cent surcharge is expected to generate \$32.4 million for the biennium.

If the Commissioners approve the 25-cent surcharge, it 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.

Public testimony or comments will not be accepted during the June 12 telephone meeting. Commissioners may consider testimony presented at the April Commission meeting as well as any written comments submitted during the public comment period which ended Monday, June 10 at 5:00 p.m.

The agenda is published on the [OLCC website](http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/public_meetings.shtml).

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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