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OLCC Commissioners vote to extend the 50-cent surcharge on distilled spirits through June 30, 2017

PORTLAND, Ore. – At the August 21, 2014 Commission meeting, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission voted unanimously in favor of extending the current 50-cent per bottle surcharge (25-cents per mini) on distilled spirits through the 2015-2017 biennium, expiring June 30, 2017.

“Dependable and stable revenue is important for Oregonians and the important public safety and other services provided at the state and local levels,” says OLCC Chair Rob Patridge. “By extending the surcharge, we are delivering on a steady revenue source for Oregonians.”

The current 50-cent per bottle (25 cents per mini) surcharge was scheduled to expire June 30, 2015. The decision today is a continuation of the surcharge that was initiated in the 2009-2011 biennium and extended through the 2013-2015 biennium.

The surcharge is expected to generate an additional \$33.8 million for the 2015-2017 biennia. Distribution of the revenue is determined by the legislature. By June 30, 2017, the surcharge is projected to raise approximately \$125 million since its adoption in 2009.

The Commissioners 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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