



# News Release

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## **OLCC announces statewide schedule of marijuana listening sessions**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has announced eight more listening sessions to hear from communities around the state as the agency implements the recreational marijuana law passed by voters in November. Two meetings held last week in Baker City and Pendleton together drew more than 180 people.

“Hearing firsthand from community members is vital to our public process,” said OLCC Chairman Rob Patridge. “The OLCC needs to hear from you: what should marijuana regulation look like in your community and throughout Oregon?”

The listening sessions are the first steps in a yearlong public rule making process that will include monthly Commission meetings and rules advisory committee meetings.

“OLCC is committed to a transparent and inclusive public process to help us implement the law in a way that protects children, keeps our communities safe, and brings the recreational marijuana industry into the regulated market,” Patridge said.

Under the new law, personal possession of recreational marijuana becomes legal on July 1 of this year. The OLCC must begin accepting applications for commercial licenses next January, with retail stores to open by late 2016.

Learn more at <http://marijuana.oregon.gov>

### **Salem:**

Monday, February 2, 7-9 p.m.  
Chemeketa Eola Hills, Viticulture Center  
215 Doaks Ferry Road NW  
Salem, OR 97305

### **Eugene:**

Tuesday, February 3, 7-9 p.m.  
Lane County Fairgrounds  
796 W. 13 Ave., Wheeler Pavilion  
Eugene, OR 97402

### **Ashland:**

Wednesday, February 18, 7-9 p.m.  
Southern Oregon University, Stevenson Union

1250 Siskiyou Blvd., Rogue River Room  
Ashland, OR 97520

**Klamath Falls:**

Thursday, February 19, 10 a.m.-Noon  
Oregon Institute of Technology  
3201 Campus Drive, Auditorium  
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

**Bend:**

Thursday, February 19, 7-9 p.m.  
The Riverhouse Convention Center  
2850 Rippling River Court  
Bend, OR 97701

**Beaverton:**

Thursday, February 26, 4-6 p.m.  
Embassy Suites Portland Washington Square  
9000 SW Washington Square Road  
Tigard, OR 97223

**Clackamas:**

Friday, February 27, 4-6 p.m.  
Monarch Hotel & Conference Center  
12566 SE 93rd Ave.  
Clackamas, OR 97015

**Newport:**

Wednesday, March 11, 7-9 p.m.  
Hallmark Resort  
744 SW Elizabeth Street  
Newport, OR 97365

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*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than **\$416 million** to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*