



# News Release

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## **OLCC announces final listening tour dates, including additional Portland event**

PORTLAND, OR -- The Oregon Liquor Control Commission's final two listening sessions on implementation of the new recreational marijuana law will be held in Newport on Wednesday, March 11, and Portland on Thursday, March 12.

The Newport session will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hallmark Resort, 744 SW Elizabeth Street. The Portland session will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Left Bank Annex, 101 N. Weidler Street.

"Hearing firsthand from community members has been invaluable as OLCC begins to implement Oregon's recreational marijuana law," said OLCC Chairman Rob Patridge. "We want to hear from residents around the state about what they think marijuana regulation should look like."

The previous nine meetings held in Baker City, Pendleton, Salem, Eugene, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Bend, Tigard and Clackamas together drew more than 2,700 people. The sessions are the first steps in a year-long process of getting public input on the rules necessary to implement Measure 91, the ballot measure passed by voters last November legalizing recreational marijuana.

"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, promotes economic opportunity 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>

### **OLCC Marijuana Listening Sessions**

Wednesday, March 11, 7-9 P.M.  
Hallmark Resort, Salon Room  
744 SW Elizabeth Street  
Newport, OR 97365

Thursday, March 12, 7-9 P.M.  
Left Bank Annex  
101 North Weidler Street,  
Portland, OR 97015

*CART captioning services for the hearing impaired will be available at this event.*

All meeting sites are accessible to people with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to staff at 1-800-452-6522 or Portland 503-872-5006 or send an email to [laura.paul@state.or.us](mailto:laura.paul@state.or.us)

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