



# News Release

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
**OLCC will be hearing verbal comments at April 21-22, 2011 Commission meeting, regarding a possible extension of the 50-cent surcharge.**

**Written comments may be submitted  
until May 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – The Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission will hear public testimony on a possible extension of the current 50-cent surcharge on distilled spirits during the April Commission meeting scheduled for the April 21-22, 2011. The agenda will be published on the OLCC website Monday, April 18, 2011. Please contact Austene Schneider (contact information below) if you wish to appear before the commission during the April meeting, to provide verbal comments. Written comments can be submitted from April 1, 2011 through 5:00 pm on May 2, 2011.

The Governor's Recommended Budget for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for the 2011-2013 biennium includes an extension of the current 50-cent surcharge on distilled spirits, through June 30, 2013. OLCC Commissioners' action is required to continue the current surcharge levels.

The current 50-cent surcharge is scheduled to expire June 30, 2011. Should the Commissioners approve an extension, the surcharge could continue in effect through June 30, 2013.

The Commissioners will vote on whether or not to extend the current 50-cent surcharge at the May meeting scheduled for May 20, 2011.

The proposed surcharge continuation of 50-cents per bottle (25-cents for a mini) is in an effort to help offset the State's forecasted budget deficit. If the surcharge is continued, it is expected to generate an additional \$29 million for the biennium.

Per OAR 845-015-0138, the Commission shall consider any written or verbal comments before implementing such a price increase.

Written comments can be submitted from *April 1 through May 2, 2011* to:

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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](http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/public_meetings.shtml)

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