



PUBLIC NOTICE

Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission
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For more information: Bryant Haley, Alcohol Spokesperson, (971-990-3254)

OLCC seeks input on increasing distilled spirits surcharge Revenue will go to state's general fund

Written comments may be submitted until June 5, 2023 at 5 PM

Public Action: The Board of Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission will accept written public comment on a possible increase of the current 50-cent surcharge on each bottle of distilled spirits to one dollar per bottle. The Commissioners will listen to verbal comments on this potential increase at the April 20, 2023 & May 18, 2023 Commission Meeting.

Verbal Comment: In order to offer verbal testimony at the April 20th Commission meeting, please email laura.paul@oregon.gov by April 18, 2023 at 5 pm.

To speak at the May 18th Commission meeting, please email laura.paul@oregon.gov by May 16, 2023 at 5 pm. Your name will be placed on the agenda for the meeting you ask to speak at.

Written Public Comment: Per [OAR 845-015-0138](http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/Pages/OAR-845-015-0138.aspx), the Commission shall consider any written or verbal comments before implementing such a price increase.

Written comments can be submitted beginning **April 12, 2023 through June 5, 2023 at 5 PM** to:

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Commission Action: The Board of Commissioners will vote on the matter at the regularly scheduled June 15th Commission Meeting.

Background:

- The current \$0.50 per bottle (\$0.25 per mini bottle) surcharge was recently extended through the 2023-25 biennium. The Commission will be considering an additional \$0.50 per bottle surcharge (\$0.25 per mini bottle) for the 2023-25 biennium.
- If the surcharge is increased by an additional \$0.50 per bottle (\$0.25 per mini bottle), it is forecasted to generate an additional \$45.2 million for the 2023-2025 biennium. Surcharge revenue is distributed to the State General Fund.

The seven citizen commissioners are the policy-making body of the OLCC. They meet monthly for one day to make decisions on liquor and marijuana licenses, rules, contested case hearings and appointments of liquor store agents. Commission meetings are held every month. Agenda items and meeting information can be obtained on-line at http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/pages/public_meetings.aspx

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Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than \$625 million to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)