

Oregon's

Bottle

Bill

Lawmakers reviewed several proposals to expand the geographic coverage of bottle bill redemption centers statewide. [SB 992 Enrolled](#), led by Senator Sollman, was introduced as a legislative package addressing multiple objectives. The bill included provisions such as OLCC's requirement for small retail dealers to accept container returns between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. SB 992 aims to update the container return system with a focus on public safety and accessibility.

Bill Number	Bill Sponsor, Description and Effective Date
SB 992 EN	INTRODUCED BY: Senator Sollman
Chapter Number: Chapter 266, 2025 Laws.	Updates OLCC's Bottle Bill Program and incorporates other legislation to streamline the redemption process by modifying the requirements for dealers operating within convenience zones. Specifically, section 2 – 3 creates the Alternative Access Redemption Centers (AARC). These centers would be operated by a nonprofit that has entered into an agreement with a distributor cooperative to be a sponsor.
Effective Date: 91st day following adjournment sine die	Bottle Bill Omnibus Package: The bill authorizes the OLCC to approve one or more AARCs by <u>October 1, 2025</u> , in a city with a population of 500,000. The AARCs must accept up to 350 beverage containers; provide hand counting for up to 50 containers; and may provide drop off service for at least 125 individual empty containers – all returned by any one person for one day. Convenience Zones OLCC is directed to designate convenience zones for AARCs within a 3–5-mile radius; and mobile/satellite sites within 5-mile radius of an AARC. An operator of an AARC, may apply to OLCC for approval of one or more mobile or satellite redemption sites. Retailer Obligations Larger retailers (>5000 sq ft) in an arc are exempted from collecting containers; large retailers not participating must accept up to 350 containers; small retailers (<5000) must accept 24 containers per person per day between 8:00am and 6pm (restricted redemption hours in OLCC priority SB 869). Redemption centers statewide can refuse container returns after 8pm. Low impact convenience zones OLCC to classify two existing convenience zones as a single low impact zone under specific conditions. Large retailers are exempt but small retailers must accept up to 24 containers. Provisions from other BB Legislation The bill incorporates other measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows wineries to refuse to accept containers they do not sell. ((wine caucus) Reps Gomberg, Elmer; Sens Brock Smith, Meek; HB 3432)• Requires applicants to notify state their representative or senator in whose district the full redemption center will be located and the order in which the commission determines whether an area is zoned for industrial use for full-service redemption center. (Rep. Nelson HB 2921)• Restricting redemption hours between 8:00am and 6pm (OLCC priority SB 869) Amending Oregon Revised Statute: ORS 459A.700 , 459A.715 , 459A.720 , 459A.735 , 459A.741 and 459A.863 .