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OLCC Employees take floating furlough days -- Open October 16

PORTLAND, Ore. - The current recession has reduced state revenues, and has forced the Legislature to make deep cuts in agency budgets. Coping with reductions in revenues, the state of Oregon has mandated that Oregon Liquor Control Commission employees (along with other agencies) take as many as 16 unpaid furlough days during the biennium.

Due to the nature of the business, the OLCC is one of few state agencies allowed to have floating furlough days for employees. The OLCC headquarters and regional offices will remain open on Oct. 16 during normal hours of operation. Call ahead for availability of field staff in satellite offices. The choice of scheduling individual furlough days in lieu of closing OLCC offices is so that services, distribution of product, and enforcement efforts are not as disrupted as with an entire agency closure.

As a result, the agency may be short-staffed at times and citizens may not always be able to reach someone right away. "We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause," says Steve Pharo, OLCC Executive Director. "As an agency, we will strive to provide the best customer service we can under the circumstances and appreciate the public's patience during this time."

Oregon liquor stores are owned and operated by independent contractors who are not state employees. Therefore, Oregon liquor stores will not be affected by furlough days.

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