



# News Release

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## **OLCC Commissioners vote to extend the 50-cent surcharge on distilled spirits**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – At a special commission meeting held the morning of May 27, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission voted 4 to 0 in favor of extending the current 50-cent surcharge on distilled spirits.

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

The current 50-cent surcharge is scheduled to expire June 30, 2011. As a result of today's vote, the surcharge will be extended through June 30, 2013.

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

The Commissioners previously accepted public testimony as well as written comments prior to making the decision.

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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