



# News Advisory

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## **OLCC Holds Ribbon Cutting to Celebrate Multi-million Dollar Investment in Distilled Spirits Warehouse**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – Today, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission will celebrate a significant milestone in the agency’s history. A dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting will be held to commemorate the completion of a multi-million dollar investment into modernizing the Milwaukie facility. The investment includes an advanced conveyor system which will allow the OLCC to double the shipping capacity to Oregon liquor stores. The upgrades come with new technology that provides information and alerts to employees via mobile to make repairs and maintenance easier and faster to ensure timely shipments across the state.

“Before installing the new system, OLCC could only ship out of one door at a time, severely impacting our ability to get product out the door and on the shelves. During the winter holiday months, we were maxed out – shipping 23 hours a day with very little wiggle room to accommodate any growth,” says Rob Patridge, OLCC Chair. “The conveyor expansion project is a multi-million dollar capital investment that will reap the benefits not only in terms of revenue collected to benefit the state, counties and cities, but also to the future growth of Oregon’s alcohol industry.”

The project was completed on time and on budget, contracted through R.H. Brown, a local northwest construction company. In 2016, total fiscal year case sales exceeded 3.1 million, which is a 3.5% increase year over year. Total distilled spirits sales for fiscal year 2016 reached \$571 million, which is a five percent increase year over year.

**Video Available on [OLCC’s YouTube channel](#).**

**Photos [Available on Flickr](#).**

**Audio [Available on OLCC’s Website](#).**

### **BACKGROUND:**

- Oregon is home to 248 retail liquor stores. An additional 14 stores are approved to open in the Portland tri-county area.
- OLCC is opening recruitment for approximately 10 additional liquor stores in the Benton, Lane, and Linn county area.
- Oregon liquor stores are privately owned by independent contractors.
- In the last two years, the sale of distilled spirits brought in [\\$417 million of net profit](#) that benefits the state general fund, cities, and counties to help pay for critical programs like education, police, and human services.
- OLCC is the third largest revenue-generating state agency in Oregon.
- 12% of all liquor sales are from Oregon distillers



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