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Oregon Bottle Bill Redemption Value Increases to 10 cents Beginning April 1, 2017

PORTLAND, Ore. – At their monthly meeting, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission reviewed statewide beverage container redemption data from the past two calendar years, as directed by the Oregon legislature through House Bill 3145. The law states that if the return rate for beverage containers is below 80% for two consecutive years, then the redemption value will increase from 5 cents to 10 cents per container and will take effect within a designated timeframe.

After reviewing the data provided by the industry, the Commissioners have determined that the rates of redemption for the last two years are 64.45% in 2015 and 68.26% in 2014, which are significantly less than the 80% threshold set by the legislature. In compliance with House Bill 3145, the bottle bill redemption value will increase to 10 cents per beverage container beginning April 1, 2017.

“We have many partners in the beverage, retail, and recycling industries,” says Steve Marks, OLCC Executive Director. “We will be working with our partners over the next eight months to make this transition as smooth as possible for consumers and industry employees.”

In anticipation of the Commission determination, the OLCC has already reached out to product manufacturers, beverage distributors, and retail outlets to discuss labeling changes, product sell-through issues, signage at stores, and information resources for clerks to support customer awareness and education. To facilitate these regulatory issues, the OLCC is likely to pursue formal rulemaking to ensure clarity for both industry and consumers.

Oregon’s Bottle Bill was introduced in 1971 as the very first bottle bill in the U.S. The Oregon Legislature has given the OLCC authority to administer and enforce the Bottle Bill.

“It is the OLCC’s responsibility to implement the legislature’s changes and to provide excellent customer service to the public and our stakeholders to make sure they are complying with state laws,” says Marks. “Just as we are carrying out the recreational marijuana program, and expanding retail liquor sales, we are equally dedicated to making the bottle bill implementation a success through ongoing communication and flexibility.”

The following types of beverage containers under three liters are included in Oregon’s Bottle Bill:

- Water/Flavored Water
- Soda Water/Mineral Water
- Carbonated Soft Drinks
- Beer/Malt Beverages

For more information on Oregon’s Bottle Bill:

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http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/pages/bottle_bill.aspx

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