

# **News Release**

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# OLCC Will Launch Statewide Listening Tour Commissioners Seek Input from Marijuana & Wine Industries July 2019 Commission Meeting to be Held in Southern Oregon

**PORTLAND, OR.** – Beginning in July 2019 members of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and staff will embark on a series of listening sessions around the state, with the objective of providing Commissioners with a better understanding of the issues and concerns facing the marijuana and wine industries.

The Commission wants to hear from the **marijuana industry** on: <u>the Producer License moratorium (Senate Bill</u> 218), exporting, social consumption, and changes to the Marijuana Program.

Commission members want to hear from the **wine industry** on: <u>Tonnage Tax</u>, <u>Labeling Standards and Content</u>, and <u>appointing a Rules Advisory Committee</u>.

"The goal of these listening sessions is to give those in the marijuana and wine industries the opportunity to meet face to face with Commissioners, some of who are newly appointed," said Paul Rosenbaum, OLCC Commission Chair. "The OLCC is committed to making these industries successful while still meeting our regulatory obligations."

The OLCC will hold five listening sessions for the <u>marijuana industry</u> in: <u>Bend</u> on July 9, <u>Ashland</u> on July 17, <u>Eugene on July 30</u>, <u>Ontario</u> on August 6, and in <u>Portland</u> on August 12.

The <u>wine industry listening sessions</u> will be held in <u>Ashland</u> on July 18, in <u>Roseburg</u> on July 29, <u>McMinnville</u> on <u>August 1</u>, and <u>Pendleton</u> on August 6.

In conjunction with the listening tours <u>the Commission will hold its regularly scheduled</u> **July 18, 2019 meeting** at **Southern Oregon University**.

In 2017 the Oregon Legislature expanded the Commission from five to seven members but only recently has the Commission had full membership. The listening tours provide an opportunity for the Commissioners to interact with licensees and stakeholders.

Licensees and stakeholders can register to attend the listening tours on the OLCC Eventbrite page at: <a href="https://www.bit.ly/2AGaYUS">www.bit.ly/2AGaYUS</a>

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## Marijuana Industry Listening Sessions

Tuesday, July 9, 2019 – 6 to 9 p.m. Riverhouse on the Deschutes Convention Center 2850 NW Rippling River Court, <u>Bend</u> 97703

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 – 6 to 9 p.m. Southern Oregon University – Stevenson Union 1250 Siskiyou Blvd., <u>Ashland</u> 97520

**Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – 6 to 9 p.m.** Lane Community College – Center for Meeting and Learning 4000 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, <u>Eugene</u> 97405

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – 6 to 9 p.m. Ontario location TBD

Monday, August 12, 2019 – 6 to 9 p.m. OLCC Headquarters 9079 SE McLoughlin Blvd., <u>Portland</u> 97222

### Wine Industry Listening Sessions

Thursday, July 18, 2019 – 12:30 to 3 p.m. Southern Oregon University – Stevenson Union 1250 Siskiyou Blvd., <u>Ashland</u> 97520

**Tuesday, July 29, 2019 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Douglas County Fairgrounds – Cascade Hall West 2110 Frear St., <u>Roseburg</u> 97471

Thursday, August 1, 2019 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kent Taylor Civic Hall 200 NE Second Street, **McMinnville** 97128

**Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Pendleton Convention Center 1601 Westgate, <u>Pendleton 97801</u>