

Oregon Liquor Control Commission
Administrative Rules Annual Report - Executive Summary
2020

Purpose:

The following report has been developed in response to the requirements set forth in ORS 183.403 which requires agencies submit a report to legislative assembly on their rulemaking activities. This report is divided into two sections, permanent rulemaking and temporary rulemaking.

Permanent Rulemaking:

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission permanently amended 75 rules and adopted four new rules. No administrative rules were repealed by the OLCC.

Temporary Rulemaking:

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission temporarily amended 25 rules, adopted two new rules, and suspended one rule.

Summary: 2020 OLCC Rulemaking

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has responded to various rulemaking issues within the past year. Specifically, the Commission has strived to respond to the continuing development of recreational marijuana market while maintaining its responsibilities to keep up with the alcoholic beverage industry and Oregon's Bottle Bill. The Commission relies upon the rulemaking process to help shape rules that sensibly regulate markets. The Commission has also been required to respond to market, regulatory and legislative issues by implementing the temporary rulemaking process. This year in particular, temporary rulemaking was largely initiated in response to Executive Orders made due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Rules were amended, adopted, and suspended to help slow the spread of the virus, and align with Oregon Health Authority Guidance. Commission staff subsequently shepherded the temporary rules through the permanent rulemaking process, in order to hear concerns from affected constituencies and to hone the permanent rule language.