



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/15/14
Agenda Item #: R.6
Est. Start Time: 10:45 am
Date Submitted: 4/3/14

Agenda Title: **Informal Briefing on Alcohol Privatization: Experience in Washington State and what Oregon needs to know**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: April 17, 2014 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

Department: Health **Division:** _____

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Presenter

Name(s) &

Title(s): Julia Dilley, Senior Research Scientist

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No action required. Updates provided on Alcohol Privatization study to understand impacts of alcohol privatization, to inform ongoing policy development in Oregon.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In November 2011, Washington State voters passed initiative 1183 (I-1183), which dismantled the state's government-operated alcohol "control system" by mid-2012. The public debate (and initiative fiscal impact statement) did not include quantified discussion of the potential public health and social consequences.

Alcohol privatization initiatives have been filed in Oregon, and signatures are being gathered for the Fall 2014 vote. This topic is receiving coverage in Oregon media and public debate. A research team from Multnomah County and the state of Washington applied for a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study the impacts experienced in Washington, for the purpose of informing Oregon's public policy discussion.

This affects Program Offer 40035. Results from this research could inform and influence applications for funding to conduct additional research in this and related public health arenas.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

This study is funded through a research grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and runs through May of 2015. Total funding for the thirty month project period is approximately \$314,000.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

Oregon is currently a “control state” for this study: spirits (“hard liquor”) can only be purchased for home consumption through a limited number of government-controlled small stores. There are advocacy efforts underway to “privatize” Oregon’s alcohol distribution system that would result in change in policy similar to that experienced by Washington State in 2012.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

This study is a joint effort of state government in Oregon and Washington. Washington State Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking serves as an advisory group for this study.

Required Signature

**Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:**

KaRin Johnson for Joanne Fuller/s/

4/2/2014

Date: _____

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