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## Fifteen out of 17 Central Oregon businesses pass OLCC minor sales check

**Bend, Ore.** – Seventeen businesses in Bend, Redmond and Prineville were checked for alcohol sales to minors on May 31 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Fifteen licensees passed the check by refusing to sell alcohol to the minor volunteer.

The 88 percent passing rate is well above the 2007 state average of 78 percent.

"We're really happy with the high percentage rate of licensees checking ID's," said Jason Evers, Bend Regional Manager. "When businesses are checking ID's and refusing to sell to minors, they are playing a vital role in curbing underage drinking and promoting public safety."

The commission performs the minor sales checks in an effort to reduce drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state. The OLCC tests about 1,300 licensed liquor businesses each year. Licensees or their employees can be held liable for alcohol-related damages and injuries if they serve or sell alcohol to a minor.

The following licensees were tested and passed the compliance check: **Applebees Neighborhood Grill & Bar** in Bend, **Izzy's Pizza Bar Classic Buffet** in Bend, **Maragas Winery** in Bend, **Mt. Bachelor Village Resort** in Bend, **El Caporal West** in Bend, **Arco AM/PM** (Greenwood) in Bend, **Tesoro Moes Payless Foodmart** in Redmond, **Plum' Fierce** in Redmond, **Bunners** in Prineville, **Club Pioneer** in Prineville, **Horseshoe Tavern** in Prineville, **Main St. Grill** in Prineville, **Prineville Chevron** in Prineville, **American Legion Post #29** in Prineville and **Elk Lodge #1814** Prineville in Prineville.

The following licensees did not pass the sales check: **Riverside Market** in Bend and **Niblick & Greenes** in Redmond.

Servers, bartenders and licensees whose employees sell alcohol to the minor or do not verify the minor's age, are subject to OLCC administrative penalties including fines or suspensions. Store clerks who sell can be cited with criminal charges and a minimum \$350 fine.

Under Oregon law, businesses in cities with a population of 20,000 or more have an equal chance of being randomly selected for a minor decoy compliance check. A business can also be selected for a compliance check if there is a documented complaint of sales to minors. Businesses in cities with a population under 20,000 and unincorporated areas in counties are not subject to these selection requirements.

The OLCC offers a free training course on how to check ID's. Participants learn how to identify false identification and the laws regarding minors and alcohol. Additional training opportunities are available including classes for store clerks and service permit holders. Interested persons can call the local OLCC office to schedule a training session.

During the sales checks, a minor volunteer attempts to purchase alcohol from a licensed business to see if staff are checking ID's correctly and refusing to sell alcohol to anyone under 21. Commission inspectors or other law enforcement officers supervise the minor volunteers. The volunteers carry their own legal ID and do not disguise their age or lie to encourage the sale of alcohol.

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