



To the committee members:

The Oregon Brewers Guild supports SB 287, creating standards for the establishment of breweries on land zoned for exclusive farm use or on land zoned for mixed farm and forest use.

Founded in 1992, the Oregon Brewers Guild promotes and advocates for breweries in Oregon. Our 165 members are part of a craft beer industry that contributes \$4.49 billion to the state's economy, and directly employs nearly 9,500 people.

Oregon brewers maintain close ties to the agricultural community. The state is second in the U.S. in hop production, and many of those hops make their way into Oregon craft beer. Our brewers have been on the cutting edge of experimentation, using Oregon hazelnuts, marionberries, pumpkins, and more in the brewing process.

We support this bill, which gives brewers the same opportunities as winemakers and cider makers. We believe this bill will continue to encourage farm-based breweries and a strong agricultural community and economy in Oregon. It also helps to connect consumers to farms, and provides new and exciting agritourism opportunities in rural areas. Oregon wineries, and now cideries, have an enormous positive impact for Oregon economy. We believe farm-based breweries are ready to play a similar positive role. We encourage you to pass SB 287.

Sincerely,

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Christina LaRue  
Co-Executive Director  
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Anthony Roberts  
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