

February 14, 2019

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 287

Dear Chair Dembrow and Committee members:

Please vote NO on SB 287.

Breweries are a manufacturing use, not a farm use. They do not belong in farm zones. Taverns and brewpubs are an urban use, not a farm use. They do not belong in a farm zone.

Agri-tourism has become an important part of the local economy that can support and complement our agricultural industry. However, some so-called agri-tourism activities have little or nothing to do with agriculture and create unacceptable conflicts for neighbors, overburden rural infrastructure, and unfairly compete with in-town businesses which pay for city services and urban infrastructure.

Here in Yamhill County we already have to deal with a brewery in a farm zone, Wolves and People, which stated in its application that it would have a tasting room open by appointment. Now it's morphed into a tavern where you can belly up to the bar and order a glass of beer (or several) just like any other tavern. This operation is causing untold hardship for its neighbors. The rights for people to enjoy their homes and property should count no less than the rights of property owners who want to make more money off of their acreage.

What's next? A hamburger stand on any farm parcel that has a couple of beef cattle?

We should be cutting back on these authorizations, not expanding them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sid Friedman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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