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DATE: January 26, 2021
TO: House Committee on General Government
FROM: Alex Cuyler, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Manager
RE: HB 2740, relating to retail sales agents

Dear Chair Wilde and Members of the Committee:

Lane County has reviewed HB 2740 in advance of your public hearing on the measure today and asks that you take no further action on it.

We make this request due to the following:

- Liquor revenue is a shared revenue, with 10% of the revenue share being distributed to counties. HB 2740 as written would lower the distribution amount under the shared revenue agreement and is silent with respect to how to address that impact. Counties are pre-empted from implementing any local taxation structure on alcohol sales.
- Local governments bear the brunt of alcohol impact, in particular related to public safety and human services.
- Other state shared revenue sources are in decline, notably Marijuana taxation (Measure 110), gasoline tax (pandemic related), and video lottery revenue.

Finally, we do note that Governor Brown's proposal to increase the Beer and Wine tax within Oregon will take an enormous amount of work this session and ask that the Committee wait to see how that effort evolves before discussing reductions to the shared revenue structure.

Thank you for the opportunity for Lane County to present its perspective on this measure.

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY ALEX CUYLER, LANE COUNTY
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