

3/22/2021 – 8:00 AM - House Bill 3377 House Committee on Behavioral Health

I oppose HB 3377, specifically - SECTION 9. This is an addiction recovery Bill, not a free-for-all for the Oregon Health Authority to study the optimum MINIMUM PRICING for malt beverages, wine, and cider. With or without consultation with manufacturers and sellers, health professionals, and representatives of cities, counties, and community organizations, Section 9 of House Bill 3377 has no business in this Bill that its main purpose is to set the recovery stipulations and programs for Measure 110 enacted November 3, 2020 not to determine alcohol pricing for malt beverages, wine, and cider.

TEXT of HB 377, SECTION 9. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall study the optimum minimum pricing for malt beverages and wine, as those terms are defined in ORS 471.001, and cider, as defined in ORS 471.023, in this state to allow consumer access to malt beverages, wine and cider and to dissuade the overconsumption and abuse of malt beverages, wine and cider. The authority shall consult with manufacturers and sellers of malt beverages, wine and cider, public health professionals with expertise in alcohol overconsumption and abuse, and representatives of cities and counties and community organizations that offer addiction services.