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*Re: Support for SB 316*

Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue:

Rogue Spirits supports SB 316, which will modify the compensation structure for tasting rooms. Tasting rooms are critical to our ability to showcase our spirits in Oregon, particularly in the "control state" system that we have.

Rogue has worked hard to continue distilling and employ Oregonians through the COVID pandemic --- even converting some of our distillery operations to make hand sanitizer. Help like that from SB 316 is sorely needed as we and other Oregon distilleries work to remain sustainable.

SB 316 enacts sensible changes that make the economics of tasting rooms fairer and more logical. This bill was close to passing last time around, but like many other bills, unfortunately did not get a floor vote. Please vote in favor of SB 316.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Matthew Merritt*

Rogue Spirits