

I am in support of HB3177. I have seen this last year take a toll on many of our restaurants in the Umpqua Basin. They have shuttered their doors never to open again. Why should the state be able to drive any business into bankruptcy? They abide by stringent guidelines of social distancing and cleaning requirements. They are not only the social hub for many in the area but are a necessary livelihood for many employed by them. I have seen people crowded in the mega stores without regard to the social distancing and cleanliness guidelines after multiple touching of products by different consumers. Why should there be one set of rules for the big box stores and all other businesses? I have not heard of any data that suggest restaurants are a cause for super spreader events or that any data has suggested that Covid is spread because of them. I am in agreement that one set of rules for all businesses is right. Please allow all business to be guided using the same rules.

Sincerely,
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