Please approve HB 5018. This bill updates compensation for liquor Agents and allows for fair compensation based on growing costs of liquor store business operations. As cost of living has gone up for constituents, so has running a business—from increased rent, installing additional safety precautions due to Covid-19, higher payroll expenses so we can offer a good living wage to employees, health care, and many other unforeseen costs. An update in Agent compensation would help to alleviate these growing expenses.

The passing HB 5018 will help me as I work to grow sales that drive Oregon's unique distilled spirits program. Thank you for your consideration.