

I support HB 3177 on behalf of my Brewpub and all of our employees. The forced closure/limitations of restaurants is not supported by the data/science, and are in fact destroying an important segment of Oregon's economy. We are well adept at sanitation and safety protocols as an industry, and less than 1.4% of the spread has been attached to the restaurant industry. Why is retail allowed to operate but not dine-in operations at a restaurant? Where is the science to support? Social gatherings are driving the spread in environments not subject to our social distancing parameters, sanitation standards etc. We're following the arbitrary rules and hemorrhaging cash, while a few thousand locals can go to Costco every day and help drive record profits. This isn't equitable or just. Please support this bill, and then ENFORCE the rules. We've been watching location after location of competitors run close to normal operations while we try to survive under the arbitrary rules and what's happened to them, nothing.

Set reasonable distancing requirements like last summer, and make sure people do what they are expected to.

Please help save Oregon's restaurants and put us on par with other businesses. We can all do our part, and survive with common sense in play.

Regards,

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