



March 29, 2023

The Honorable Janelle Bynum, Chair
Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 3416

Chair Bynum and Members of the Committee:

I write to share our support for HB 3416, which appropriates funds for a number of important rural economic development projects across Oregon. Of particular note is a project to support Revino, Inc.'s sustainable glass packaging center.

As the industry steward and operator of Oregon's beverage container redemption system, OBRC redeems and recycles 179 million glass beverage containers per year. Oregon's statewide redemption network (and the highest redemption rate in the United States) also made it possible for OBRC to introduce the nation's only statewide Refillable bottle, which now includes 11 local craft beverage partners and 112 unique beverage options.

We're intrigued by the work underway at Revino, and we're excited about the possibility for Oregon to continue to lead the way in the redemption, recycling, and reuse of beverage containers. HB 3416 identifies a number of important projects that could collectively help boost Oregon's strong sustainable economy for the future, and we are pleased to support the bill.

Sincerely,

Eric Chambers
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