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Response

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

Proposed 8% sales tax on beer, wine, and cider.

HB 3197 would be Oregon's first ever grocery and restaurant sales tax, increasing prices on legal-age drinkers in Oregon by 8%.

HB 3179 states that additional revenue is needed for youth prevention, yet youth drinking is at an all-time low, a trend that's occurred for more than two decades as existing prevention programs are working.

In 2024, Oregon brewers, winemakers and cidermakers worked with Rep. Sanchez on a taskforce to examine alcohol taxes. The taskforce declined to recommend a tax increase and 87.5% of the public comments submitted opposed tax increases.

Draw attention to the irony that this proposal doesn't include hard liquor and further vilifies the beer industry