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A New Sales Tax on Groceries & Restaurants – HB 3197 would create Oregon’s first-ever grocery and restaurant sales tax, raising prices for legal-age drinkers by 8%.

Unnecessary Tax for Youth Prevention – HB 3179 claims more funding is needed for youth prevention, but underage drinking has been declining for over 20 years, proving that current programs are already working.

Public & Industry Opposition – In 2024, Oregon brewers, winemakers, and cidermakers worked with Rep. Sanchez on a task force to review alcohol taxes. The task force did not recommend an increase, and 87.5% of public comments opposed it.

Unfairly Targeting Beer – This proposal ignores hard liquor and unfairly singles out the beer industry.

Oregon doesn’t need a new tax on everyday purchases—especially one the public and experts have already rejected.