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On Behalf Of: Holmes Gap Vineyard  
Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety  
Response  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

I operate a small vineyard that grows wine grapes for Willamette Valley winemakers. With the recent focus on limiting wine consumption as well as the prospects of tariff requirements on foreign buyers, I have suffered a 50% decrease in sales (2024 production year). My prospects for grape sales to winemakers in 2025 looks dismal at best and I will be losing money on production again this year. If this tax proposal is approved I am certain that my business will suffer further and that my only option will be to remove this acreage from a producing agricultural crop to abandoned out of production property. I will most likely cancel all of my OLCC and OWB affiliations and no longer be in the agricultural producing business.

**PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.** Save our OREGON grape and wine production businesses.

Thank you,  
Jack La Rue  
Owner  
Holmes Gap Vineyard