

Submitter: Daniel Irvine

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety
Response

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

Dear Honored Members of the Joint Committee on Addition and Community Safety Response,

First, thank you for your service to the public, it is appreciated. Please know that House Bill 3197 will harm me, my family, and many of my friends who work in the Oregon beer, wine and cider industries. The proposed 8% sales tax is unprecedented and unfair to both the people who work in these industries, and the Oregonians who enjoy local craft wines, beers, and ciders.

Representative Sanchez who drafted this bill is out of control and refuses to listen to facts or the vast majority of Oregonians who do not want their drinks taxed further. Beer prices are already insane. This tax won't stop folks like me who enjoy craft beverages recreationally from drinking alcohol, and it won't stop those with alcohol problems from drinking too much; nor does it create the kind of rehabilitation programs needed to support those who have been harmed by alcohol drug and other mental health issues. We do not want local artisan businesses to be further hurt in these highly uncertain economic times. Please consider that this bill would cripple Oregon-based business and heavily tax hard-working Oregonians, it will not affect international conglomerates.

I urge you to oppose HB3197.

Sincerely,

Dan Irvine
Corvallis, Oregon.