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Public Testimony in Support of HB 3197

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Co chairs Prozanski, Kropf, and Mannix], and Members of the Committee,

My name is Courday Rose and I serve as the Lead Youth Mentor at 4D Recovery, a peer-led organization dedicated to supporting young people in recovery from substance use disorders. I am here today to express my strong support for HB 3197, which seeks to implement a modest tax on malt beverages, cider, and wine to fund critical youth development programs addressing alcohol and drug abuse.

Every day, I work directly with young people who are struggling with addiction. I see firsthand the devastating effects of substance use on their lives, their families, and their futures. These are not just statistics—these are real kids, many of whom have been failed by a system that lacks the necessary resources to provide them with the support they desperately need. We are in the midst of a youth addiction crisis in Oregon, and the lack of sustainable funding for prevention, treatment, and recovery services has left too many young people without hope or help.

HB 3197 is an opportunity to change that. By implementing a gradual and reasonable tax on alcoholic beverages, this bill will generate much-needed funding to expand access to youth addiction recovery programs, peer mentorship, and prevention efforts across the state. Investing in these services is not just an ethical imperative—it is a proven strategy to reduce long-term costs associated with addiction, including healthcare, criminal justice, and homelessness.

As someone who is deeply embedded in recovery support services, I can tell you that young people want help. They want to heal, to rebuild, and to thrive. But without accessible programs and services, many are left with nowhere to turn. HB 3197 is a step toward ensuring that no young person in Oregon is denied the chance to recover simply because the resources do not exist.

I urge this committee to stand with our youth and pass HB 3197. The future of Oregon's young people depends on our willingness to act today. Thank you for your time, and I welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
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