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Response

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I have worked in Oregon craft beer for 17 years - I've seen the rise and now decline of our industry. With the rising costs of raw materials, aluminum and overall economic uncertainty in the US right now, I am very concerned about what a potential 8% tax on alcohol would do to Oregon's beloved craft beer industry.

I am 100% on board with supporting public addiction services and funding. I do think the 8% tax proposed in addition to inflation and the possible \$.05/beverage fee for wildfire support could really be an end to our industry. We are already seeing a drastic decline in sales THIS YEAR due to the economic challenges.

My other concern is the lack of details and plan in this bill. It should be revised with more guardrails and details - not a half a page for something that would greatly impact an \$8.7 BILLION Oregon industry that provides of 50,000 jobs to hard working Oregonians like me.