



Taxpayers Association of Oregon

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No on HB 3940 on the drink tax**

The Taxpayers Association of Oregon opposes the drink container tax. Placing the burden of vital budget expenses on people drinking water, soda, and beer is bad budgeting. The previous Legislature budget grew 20% -- far exceeding average wages. Why weren't wildfire expenses adequately covered in the 20%+ last budget?

People who drink liquids already have a myriad of taxes, such as liquor taxes, alcohol taxes, local restaurant sales taxes, restaurant alcohol license fees, and the bottle deposit fee. This is one over-taxed activity in Oregon.

We believe the state should pursue better forest management like other states. And the Forest Department should work better to avoid the recent string of boondoggle headlines that taxpayers have endured in the past 5 months.