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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety
Response

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

Hello,

I am the co-founder and CEO of pFriem Family Brewers based here in Hood River, OR. Across our Hood River, Cascade Locks, and Milwaukie locations, we employ 165 Oregonians. We give our employees great benefits, including very competitive pay, 4% matched 401k program, and fully paid medical coverage. We are one of the best breweries in the country, and we make significant contributions to the local community, non-profits, and overall business in the Gorge, and in Milwaukie.

The proposed tax on beer, wine and cider would devastate our business, increase our costs, and drive business down, leading to a loss of revenue, loss of employment, and general reduced business vitality. One of the things that makes Oregon great are its breweries, cideries, and wineries, and this measure would hurt them all, would reduce tourism, and would kill many small businesses in the sector.

I strongly oppose this tax.

Regards,

Rudolf Kellner
CEO, co-founder pFriem Family Brewers