

Submitter:	Jamie Berry
On Behalf Of:	Feed The Hungry Inc
Committee:	House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB3940

Chair Lively, members of the committee, my name is Jamie Berry. I represent Feed The Hungry, Incorporated and am here in opposition to HOUSE BILL 3940.

My primary role as a Board Member of Feed The Hungry is to coordinate our Bottledrop fundraising account which I have overseen for more than 15 years. I have serious concerns this bill would negatively impact our source of revenue from the BottleDrop Program. Feed The Hungry operates every Sunday and is one of very few organizations in the area serving meals Sundays. Community members from all over Portland dine with us - Many of whom are homeless and it is their only meal of the day at times. Not only is it a space to enjoy a hot and hearty meal - they can come in out of the cold or heat, socialize, receive resource information while being served and treated with respect and compassion by the volunteers. The BottleDrop account is our primary and only ongoing fundraiser currently providing enough revenue to cover one month of operating expenses throughout the year. We rely solely on the generosity of our supporters to donate their refundable containers to our program. By adding an additional 0.05 to each container, this will likely deter many donors from continuing to do so. This would deplete our operational funds resulting in negative impacts to the vulnerable and hungry people we serve.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.