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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3940

I strongly OPPOSE HB 3940. There's no connection with the Bottle Drop program to fighting wildfires, and this tax would decrease the many positive effects of the bottle refund program. Many nonprofits which sacrificially serve our communities would receive less revenue with which to provide these critical community services.

Nearly 7,000 nonprofits across Oregon raise more than \$5 million each year by collecting and recycling more than 50 million bottles and cans with BottleDrop Give. Oregon nonprofits are facing major challenges. Between inflation, a pandemic, and losing critical funding sources, every dime counts.

BottleDrop Give supporters take great pride in being able to give back to their favorite nonprofits by donating their bottles and cans.

Losing funds raised through BottleDrop would severely reduce many nonprofits' abilities to offer vital programs and services to Oregonians and their communities.

I serve on a very small nonprofit which provides a day camp to elementary kids during summer months, and we've been able to mostly fund the costs of providing food for more than 100 children during camp. Because food costs have increased dramatically, we've already had to supplement our snacks costs by taking money from other expense categories.

Pease Vote NO on HB 3940.

Thank you!