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House Bill HB 3940 is another attack on business in the state of Oregon. Businesses are already flocking away from us moving to other more friendly environments for them to operate. We already lost Dutch Brothers this year and many many other businesses that brought much revenue to our area because of our unfavorable practices as it relates to business. Craft breweries in the state of Oregon are already suffering because of change in the climate as it relates to how alcohol is seen and treated. There is no justification for imposing a hidden tax on bottles that will negatively affect our homegrown craft brew businesses in this state. There are multiple other revenue streams already in place that if utilized properly could make up the difference for what they're trying to impose with this bill. With the current economic climate, we need to do everything we can to boost the revenue and functionality of our small businesses in this state. We need to be supporting these businesses and offering help in the ways of tax advantages for them to be able to stay in this state and employ as many people as they currently do or more. There's already a viable and successful bottle deposit system in place that it has been privately established and works very well for our state. Trying to modify and molest and already successful recycle program is a very ridiculous and shortsighted thing to do. I beg all state legislators to please stop trying to punish small business in our beautiful state. Thank you.