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- According to the Brewers Association, Oregon's breweries are facing major challenges. Between inflation, supply chain issues, employee shortages, a pandemic, and fewer people drinking, these local businesses need the support of lawmakers and the public to survive. Oregon has seen more brewery, taproom, and brewpub closures than openings. In 2024, there were 399 closures compared to 335 openings. And in both 2023 and 2024, Oregon lost 30 of these local businesses each year.
- In 2024, craft beer sales were down -2%.
- As a reflection of craft beer being down, U.S. hop growers planted -18% less crop this year. Oregon hop farmers similarly planted -18% less in 2024. This tax would severely impact these small businesses and Oregon revenues.