



**Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Revenue
Re: Oppose HB 3940A**

May 1, 2025

Dear House Committee on Revenue members:

We write respectfully to oppose HB 3940A. This bill puts Oregon's successful bottle redemption program at risk.

Oregon's existing bottle bill is a model of environmental performance, simultaneously reducing waste and keeping high value materials in the system. In 2024, 90.4% of beverage containers sold were returned for reprocessing. This success comes at zero cost to the taxpayer. Private industry operates the system and all unredeemed refunds (\$21.9 million in 2024) are invested in future performance. Niagara Bottling relies on the type of high valued, recycled content created by Oregon's bottle bill program to meet our sustainability commitments.

We recognize the critical importance of wildfire prevention and response and are proud of the work conducted by Niagara Cares to meet some of the tremendous need resulting from wildfire damage. We encourage the committee to find ways to address this incredible challenge without harming a program that we know works for Oregonians, the public and industry.

Please oppose HB 3940A. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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