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**Position on Bills at 2025
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

SB 992A: Support



The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) is a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

COIN supports SB 992A, which would authorize alternative collection sites for return of bottles with deposits. But it allows those only in cities of 500,000 or more. We'd prefer for that limitation to be removed.

Right now the redemption centers set up by the bottler's association often make it very difficult to return bottles. Money is piling up in the bottle deposit fund, as the Oregon Legislature recently increased the deposit from 5 cents to 10 cents and greatly expanded the types of bottles and cans upon which the deposit is charged. We urge the Legislature to audit the bottle bill redemption fund and ensure that non-redeemed deposits are not captured by the beverage companies.

We note that OLIS shows no written testimony on this bill or its amendments, apart from a piece by David Wall on February 17, 2025. We wonder whether it is accurate that this important bill has attracted so little testimony.

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