



**To:** Senate Committee on Rules  
**From:** Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)  
**Re:** Change our position to SUPPORT HB 3940 -A24  
**Date:** June 24, 2025

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham and Senators Golden, Hayden and Manning

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) **now supports [HB 3940](#) with the -A24 amendment and we urge you to pass this bill out of committee and then in the full Senate.** While we prefer two other bills introduced this session that we believe would have provided a more stable and fair source of funding for wildfire prevention and response ([HB 3489](#) and [SB 1177](#)), we realize that the Legislature is out of time for this session. By removing the surcharge on beverage containers and some other revenue sources, the -A24 amendment simplifies the funding for this bill, and makes it more agreeable to our members, as a short-term solution.

We continue to be concerned about use of a tax on synthetic nicotine, in which none of the revenue is directed towards prevention or treatment of nicotine addiction. A tax on nicotine to address wildfire can only be effective as long as nicotine addiction continues; in fact, the greater the addiction, the more money available for addressing wildfire. And if the ban on flavored nicotine occurs in Multnomah and Washington counties this fall, this revenue source becomes even less reliable.

In light of these concerns, we urge the Legislature to begin working immediately after this session ends to come together on a bipartisan path forward. Oregon needs a long-term, sustainable plan for funding prevention and response to wildfires, which will likely increase in frequency and severity in the foreseeable future. But, it's not enough to deal with wildfires on their own. Oregon must continue to work toward our state GHG reduction goals, to address the underlying cause of our wildfire crisis.

COIN is a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups with as many as 30,000 members statewide, that work together to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

Respectfully,

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on behalf of the Legislative Team of COIN  
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