

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Salem, OR
14 February, 2019

Re: SB-287-1

Dear Senators and Staff:

I oppose this bill to treat breweries the same way that wineries and cideries are treated.

Beer is made up primarily of water. Hops are an *optional* ingredient in the making of beer. Growing hops on a small portion of land should not entitle the land-owner to open a commercial business (Brewery) that is **not** dependent upon the agricultural product that is grown on his/her property.

Hops are not essential to making beer. Wineries and cideries cannot make a product without the crop grown on their EFU land. Breweries do NOT require hops, therefore the growing of hops should not entitle the land owner to have a commercial business on EFU land. A farmer who grows cabbage cannot open a hot-dog stand on EFU land because the cabbage can be turned into sauerkraut that are occasionally put on hot dogs. I see no difference between this scenario and that of growing hops.

Approving this application gives a green light to every land-owner in the state to begin a business that does not meet land-use and zoning laws.

I urge you not to vote for this legislation.

Thank you,

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