

Senate Judiciary Committee,

Subject : Senate Bill 111:

Dear Senators,

I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 111 . I am asking you to vote NO on Senate Bill 111 in it's entirety for the good of he Oregon wine industry . I support my colleagues from all over the state who who have written to you as well in opposition to this bill .

I have worked my professional career of 40 years in the Oregon wine industry as a vineyard manager , developer and wine producer.

Interstate movement of Grapes and bulk wine has always played important part historically to growth and stability of Oregon wine industry .

Provide outlet for excess fruit and wine that occur in fluctuations in markets. Become an industry for export of agriculture products from Oregon.

Provides Wineries in Oregon to import Wines from Outside Oregon to make blends not otherwise possible. This has been important to the Oregon wine business for more than 40 years.

Do not bring unwanted prejudice or retribution from other states regulators on Oregon Producers.

Currently the the amount of fruit that needs to leave Oregon for outside markets exceeds 20% of sate fruit production , and will be that way for the foreseeable future. Not withstanding future vine plantings .

The tanks do not exist in this state to process existing fruit. The tanks, winery infrastructure, and capitol does exists in close proximity in other states enhancing the business opportunity to export Oregon fruit . There are more than 100,000 acres of grapes just south of the Oregon border ready and willing to provide fruit that are currently served by Oregon growers. Loss of these contracts for Oregon farmers, caused by restrictive legislation would be catastrophic to the Oregon wine economy.

The Oregon wine and grape industry does not need or want legislation that complicates the movement of fruit and wine to other states. Rather, there is greater need to promote the sale , movement, of fruit and wines to other sates to facilitate the prosperity, of members of the industry. This is not a consumer driven initiative. I am requesting a personal response from your office to share with my industry colleagues. Thank you in advance.

Thank you for your consideration,

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