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Chair Riley and Members of the Senate Business Committee,

The Oregon Beer & Wine Distributors Association represents most of the Oregon's beer and wine distributors.

Oregon's independent beer & wine distribution facilities are local businesses that provide thousands of family-wage jobs with excellent benefits to people who live in their communities. Distributors value their role in the state-based system of alcohol regulation that works to keep communities and citizens safe while encouraging healthy competition and a robust marketplace.

The issue of compensation for sales of distilled spirits contained in SB 108 is an important issue for the OLCC to study. We encourage the study contained in the base bill, SB 108.

The language contained in the -2 amendment is deeply flawed and creates a whole host of issues with the pricing of not only distilled spirits, but also other forms of alcohol, including beer and wine. We oppose the -2s and urge that the Committee not move the amendment to the bill.

Alcohol issues are complex and deserve proper thought and time to get the language right. We appreciate the Committee's thoughtful consideration of this issue and we will continue to work with the proponents of SB 108 on this effort.

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