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AOC opposed the -2 amendments to HB 4149.

Alcohol tax revenue that flows to counties is applied in diverse ways across Oregon's 36 counties. Many counties use the funding to provide important mental health and addiction services.

The -2 amendments were introduced late in the short session. There has been no opportunity for counties to understand whether the revenue removed from the counties' share of the alcohol tax and redirected to OHA will be beneficial or harmful to counties.

AOC respectfully asks that the House Committee on Behavioral Health table this amendment so that the proponents of the measure can meet with representatives from counties to discuss the implications of the revenue loss, and share an understanding of potential benefits that counties will receive from loss of the revenue.

Sincerely,

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