

House Committee on Economic Development & Small Business
Testimony – SB 616
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Chair Bynum, Vice Chair Morgan, Vice Chair Nguyen and members of the House Economic Development & Small Business Committee. For the record, my name is Andrew Brooks.

As a small business owner in Beaverton, I support SB 616 and ask that you vote yes on this bill. SB 616 will help the craft beverage industry in Oregon by:

- Modernizing and updating how craft producers and owners do business.
- Enhance the business of small independent Oregon producers and owners.
- Put Oregon's craft beverage producers on par with the rules of the wine industry.
- Allow these Oregon small businesses to thrive and be competitive with large corporate businesses.

While Direct To Consumer (DTC) is a small fraction of the craft beverage market, it is for many of the small businesses a critical piece in keeping their doors open, allowing them to grow and become part of the thriving economy that Oregon needs and deserves.