

**Testimony OPPOSING HB 3308**  
**Submitted by Oregon Recovers**  
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**House Committee On Rules**

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice-Chair Kropf, and Members of the House Committee On Rules:

My name is Tony Morse, and I serve as the Policy and Advocacy Director for Oregon Recovers. We are a movement of people in recovery from addiction focused on solving Oregon's addiction crisis. I'm also a person in long-term recovery, which for me means I haven't had a drink since Friday the 13th in January of 2017.

**The addition of some regulation in the home delivery space is better than none, but the framework of HB 3308 does not go far enough. As a result, Oregon Recovers cannot support this legislation.**

- Oregon Recovers appreciates the efforts of OLCC to include us as a public health partner regarding HB 3308, and we support granting rule making authority to the OLCC relating to home delivery of alcohol.
- But it's important for the record to reflect that the -9 is a consensus amendment supported by alcohol industry stakeholders. Put plainly, prioritization of industry's financial interests over the well-documented human and economic costs of the alcohol crisis cannot continue if we want to save lives and taxpayer money.
- The -9 includes liability carve outs for retailers that will disincentivize them from using their economic power to compel third-party delivery providers to comply with home delivery rules. If retailers were liable for the noncompliance of those engaged in delivery, they would fire and refuse to work with delivery providers who fail to follow the rules. Public health and safety would be better protected under such a framework.
- Ultimately, we should be focused on how to prevent alcohol-related harms, and not on making what's causing such harms more accessible. This legislation is a cold reminder that the threat of privatization looms large. Deconstruction of Oregon's control system would cause a public health disaster, and that should give all of us pause.

**Oregon's alcohol crisis demands decisive action.**

- Excessive alcohol use is Oregon's third-leading preventable cause of death and disease, and cost the state \$4.8 billion in 2019.
- More than 2,500 Oregonians died by alcohol-related causes in 2020. For context, the university across the street has an enrollment of about 2,400 students.

- Alcohol killed 6 Oregonians yesterday. 6 more will die today, and another 6 will die tomorrow. Enough is enough.

**Separate and apart from HB 3308, this Committee is positioned to help save lives.**

- This Committee heard Representative Nosse's alcohol task force bill on April 20th. HB 3610 will create a bipartisan task force with a diverse range of stakeholders focused on solving Oregon's lethal and economically catastrophic alcohol crisis.
- Please set HB 3610 for a work session, and vote to advance Rep Nosse's life-saving legislation. Oregonians can't afford to wait any longer.

**Thank you.**