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Please don't place a surcharge (tax) on beverage containers for "wildfire prevention & response". What does bottle/can recycling have to do with wildfires? Bottle and can recycling in Oregon is a success because of the Bottle Bill and the private companies (grocers, retailers and recycling companies like BottleDrop) that have agreed to accept and count the cans and bottles for return. Our church returns beverage containers to BottleDrop as a fund raiser to help the poor and homeless in our community. A surcharge will reduce our ability to help them. Low income and homeless people in our community also return bottles and cans to help put food on the table. This "surcharge" will further reduce their ability to survive.