

Re: HB 3940

Chairperson Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and esteemed House Committee on Revenue members,

I present today written testimony in opposition to HB 3940. This bill would damage Oregon's longstanding and widely supported Bottle Bill of 1971.

HB 3940 stands to potentially cause harm to the Bottle Drop Give program that funds millions of dollars to nonprofit charities across Oregon every year. These funds which our organizations rely on to continue our vital community work. We are a nonprofit cat rescue and the funds brought by Bottledrop allow us to pay for emergency medical, spay/neuter, and supplies for the animals in need. Oregon nonprofits are facing major challenges. Between inflation, a pandemic, and losing critical funding sources, every dime counts. Losing funds raised through BottleDrop would severely reduce many nonprofits' abilities to offer vital programs and services to Oregonians and their communities (and kitties like our organization helps!)

Please join me in opposition to HB 3940, there are better ways to fund wildfire protection.

Thank you,

Gale Dusek

Cat's Meow Cat Rescue Volunteer

Regards,

Gale Dusek

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