

# Update to Board of County Commissioners

**From: Public & Government Affairs**  
**RE: HB 3296, Addiction Crisis Recovery Act**  
**Date: 03-16-2021**

**Bill: HB 3296 Addiction Crisis Recovery Act**

<p>Summary</p>	<p><a href="#">HB 3296</a> increases privilege taxes imposed upon manufacturer or importing distributor of malt beverages, wine or cider. Proposes tax on 31-gallon barrel of beer or cider from \$2.60 to \$72.60. Increases tax on barrel of wine from \$0.67 to \$10.67 per barrel.</p> <p>Introduced by Rep. Tawna Sanchez (N. Portland) and Rep. Rachel Prusak (West Linn). Rep. Prusak has since withdrawn her sponsorship of the bill.</p> <p>Bill was introduced as the Addiction Crisis Recovery Act, as the fee increases would help support addiction recovery and treatment.</p> <p>*The excise tax on alcohol hasn't been raised in 40 years. Oregon has the nation's 3<sup>rd</sup> highest addiction rate, and is 47<sup>th</sup> in access to addiction treatment.</p>
<p>Department Position</p>	<p>County – Potential funding generated by the bill could filter into counties through IGAs with the Oregon Health Authority for community mental health programs to manage programs such as sobering centers or similar rehabilitative efforts.</p> <p><b><i>Support and opposition from advocates:</i></b></p> <p>*Oregon Recovers – Supports bill, acknowledges that raising the price of alcohol would limit both binge drinking and underage drinking.</p> <p>Oregon State Chamber of Commerce – Opposes bill</p>
<p>Staff Recommendation</p>	<p><b>PGA recommends “no position” unless the bill survives the upcoming work session deadline. PGA will monitor on behalf of the BCC, and return to the Board if a position is needed.</b></p>
<p>Timeline</p>	<p>The bill is currently assigned to the House Behavioral Health Committee and has not been scheduled for a hearing. It also has subsequent referrals to the House Revenue Committee and Joint Ways &amp; Means Committee.</p> <p>This bill will die this Friday, March 19 if it has not been scheduled for a work session by that time.</p>

\*Indicates information pulled from the following article: <https://pamplinmedia.com/wlt/95-news/500337-401067-prusak-removes-name-from-alcohol-tax-bill>