

Beer's Fair \$hare

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on Alcohol and Drugs

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Control Commission

Ecumenical Ministries
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OPERA - Oregon
Prevention Education
Recovery Association

Oregon Partnership

Oregon Nurses
Association

ACCBO - Addiction
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Board of Oregon

AOC - Association
of Oregon Counties

AFSCME - American
Federation of State,
County and Municipal
Employees

AOCMHP - Association
of Oregon Community
Mental Health Programs

CARSA - Community
Action to Reduce
Substance Abuse

Citizens Crime
Commission

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of University Women
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a Drug-Free Future

FROM THE DESK OF REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL DEMBROW

Untreated Addiction - Unfair Burden on Taxpayers

THE NUMBERS ARE STAGGERING:

- ✓ **258,000** - Oregonians suffering from substance abuse
- ✓ **\$5.93 Billion** - How much substance abuse costs the state each year
- ✓ **45th** - Oregon's ranking among states for funded treatment

Ignoring addiction forces state and local governments to divert scarce resources to pay for the problems addiction creates.

THE DIRECT ECONOMIC COSTS FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE INCLUDE:

- ✓ \$813 million in healthcare
- ✓ \$4.15 billion in lost earnings by users, victims, and families
- ✓ \$967 million in crime, criminal justice and welfare programs, property damage

According to a compelling and eye-opening report by ECONorthwest entitled "The Economic Costs of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Oregon in 2006," **alcohol abuse alone costs Oregon's economy \$3.2 Billion.**

That's eight times greater than the \$395 million in tax revenues collected from the sale of alcohol.

It's time the major beer companies pay a fair share of the problems their product creates, taking away some of the burden from Oregon taxpayers.

A small increase in Oregon's beer tax -- which hasn't been raised a penny in 32 years -- would raise millions a year to pay for treatment and prevention services that have been eliminated or cut during the past decade

IT'S TIME THAT OREGON'S TAXPAYERS DON'T BARE THE BRUNT OF UNTREATED ADDICTION.

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