



Oregon
Winegrowers

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OWA Updates

Oregon Wine Symposium

February 3, 2026

Advocating for Oregon wineries and growers, **together.**



Our Mission

Harnessing the power of state-wide consensus, the Oregon Winegrowers Association stands as the vital advocate for the health, growth and economic sustainability of Oregon's wine industry. We are a member-driven advocacy group advancing the interests of the largest agricultural economic impact sector in the state.



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Federal Advocacy Update:
Jana McKamey



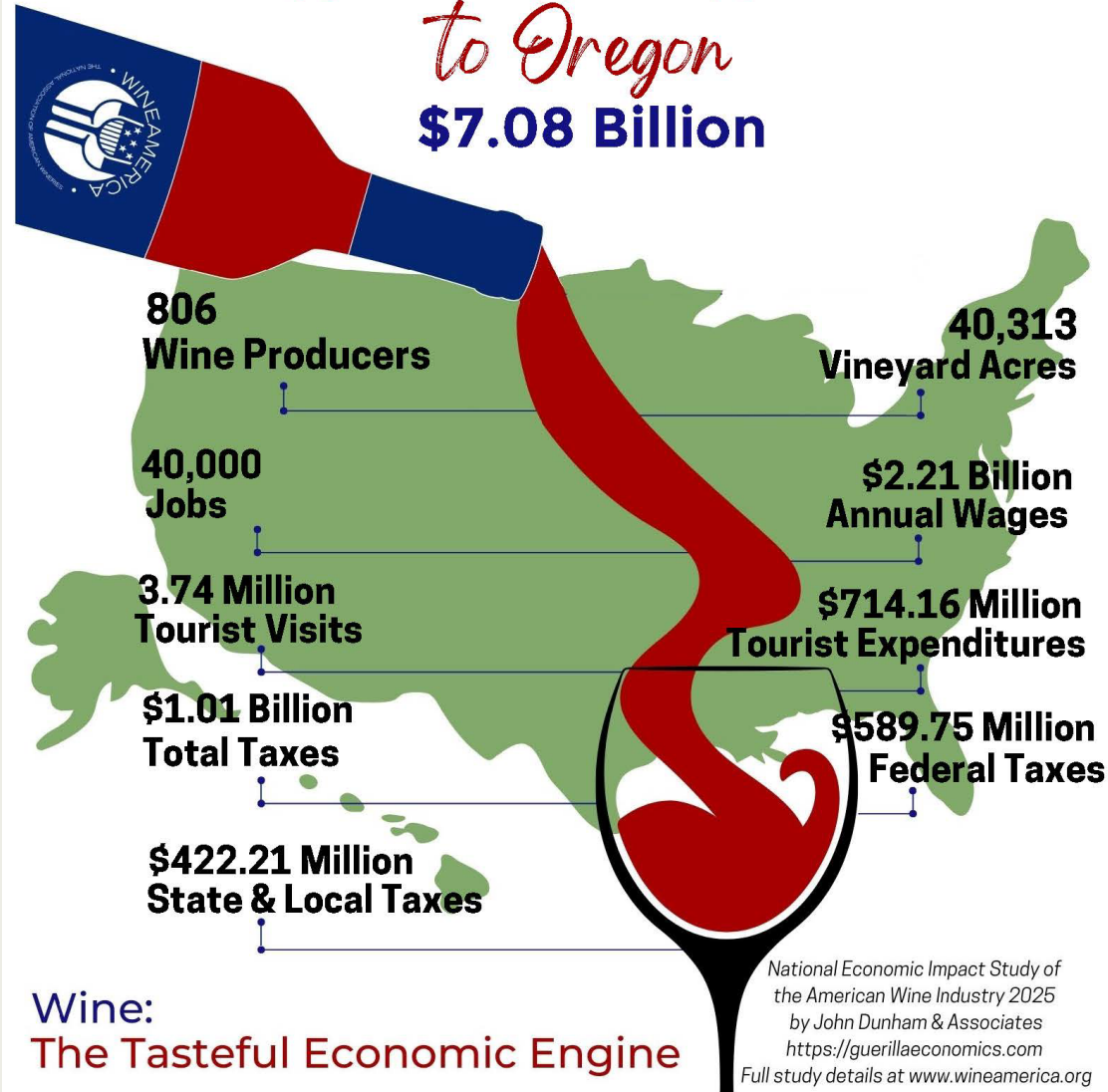
2025 NATIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY



WINEAMERICA, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN WINERIES

*What's Wine Worth
to Oregon*

\$7.08 Billion



**Wine:
The Tasteful Economic Engine**

*National Economic Impact Study of
the American Wine Industry 2025
by John Dunham & Associates
<https://guerillaeconomics.com>
Full study details at www.wineamerica.org*



Trump's First Year

- Republicans control White House, Senate and House
 - Trump pushing to expand Presidential authority
- Rash of executive orders
- Pause on rulemaking activity
- Purge of federal government workers
- Immigration enforcement push
- Courts are active
- Mid-terms upcoming



President
Donald Trump

Federal Issues

Immigration Enforcement/Reform

- Contact Republican lawmakers explaining impacts of ICE activity on your business/community.

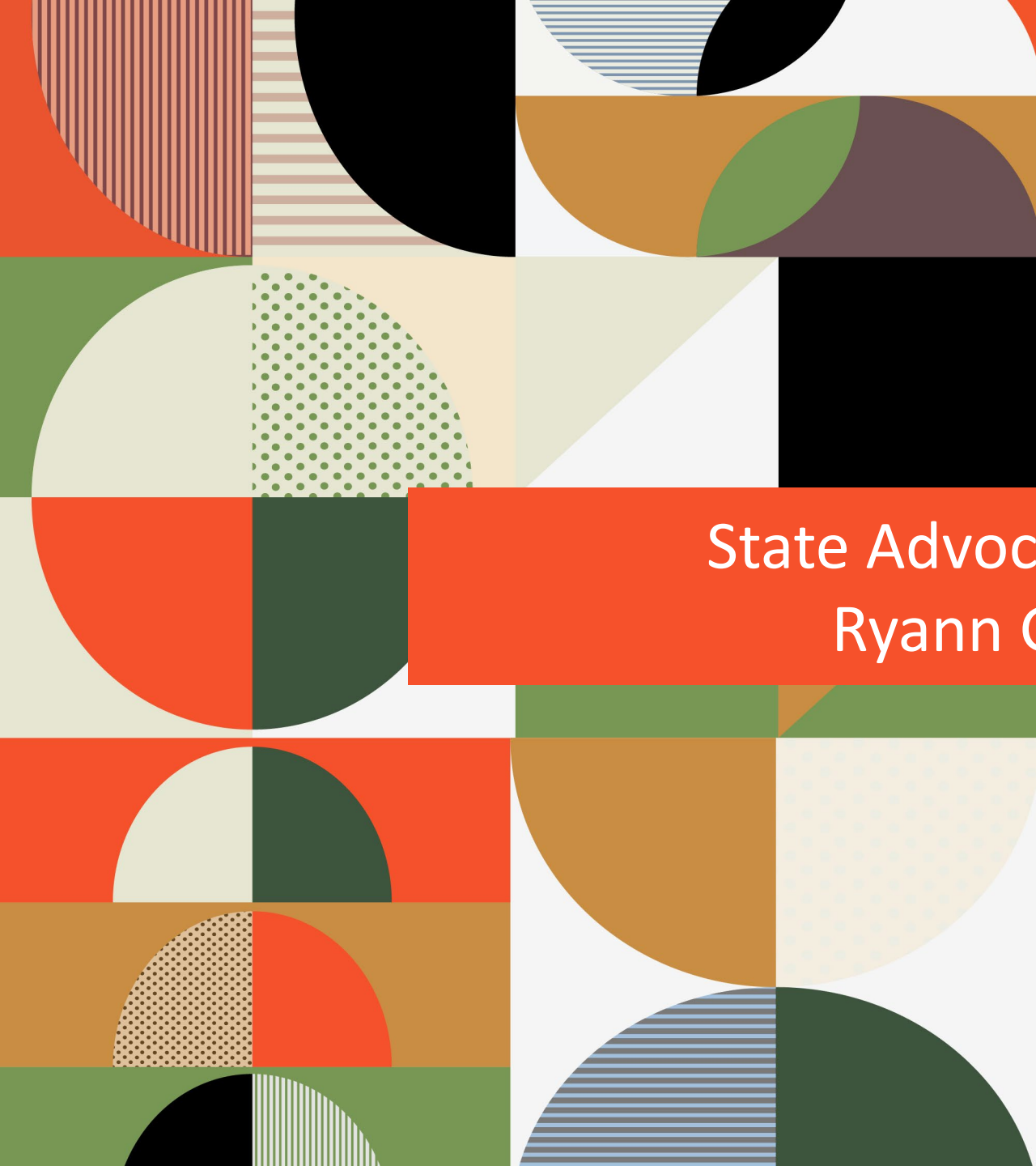
Tariffs

- Wine a tool in trade wars.
- Export, tourism and supply chain impacts.
- Seeking support for specialty crops.

Intoxicating Hemp

Smoke Impact Research Funding





State Advocacy Update:
Ryann Gleason



2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OVERVIEW

Prepared by: CFM Advocates



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- Constitutionally restricted to 35 days
 - Democratic supermajorities
 - Gubernatorial race
 - Walkouts
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Major Session Issues

- Transportation Funding
 - Package referred to ballot where it is likely to fail; Democrats looking at changing election date
 - Budget Reductions
 - H.R. 1 impacts to OR require agency reductions, with the potential for disconnect from federal tax code and conversations around raising revenue
 - Federal Immigration Response
 - Slate of bills responding to federal immigration enforcement tactics in OR and across the country
 - Economic development
 - Priority of Gov Kotek with recent announcement of Oregon Prosperity Council
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Wine Issues



Key Industry Issues:

- Corporate tax deduction for wildfire settlements (HB 4078)
 - Grocery store liquor in a can (HB 4146)
 - Transient Lodging Tax (Local SB 1562, HB 4148; Statewide HB 4134)
 - Semi-independent state agencies (HB 4095)
 - Farm stands/stores (HB 4153)
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Legislation to Watch:

- Immigration response package
- Employment law changes
- Land use changes



Share a glass with us!

Join the Oregon Legislative Wine Caucus
for a Reception

February 18, 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Local Government Center
1201 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Please RSVP to Ryann Gleason ryanng@cfmpdx.com



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Wine Caucus Updates

- Wine Caucus Leadership: Co-chairs remain in key leadership roles – Rep Lucetta Elmer & Senator Bruce Starr.
 - Rep David Gomborg & Senator Meek remain Democratic co-chairs.
 - February 18th Wine Caucus event in Salem.
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Closing:
Alex Sokol Blosser, OWA President

Political Action Committee

- OWA's State PAC reflects our industry's role in driving economic impact in the state.
- Individuals and businesses can make contributions.
- Donate at least 10% of annual dues amount.
- Donate by credit card to qualify for \$50 tax deduction, or by check.
- Contributions to candidates recommended by the PAC Committee and approved by the OWA Board.



An OWA PAC donation is a demonstration of our industry's power and influence. It is a statement that our industry is here to stay and that our collective voice matters.

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I appreciate having OWA working at the state level on land use regulation and protecting our rights to produce and sell wine. Even as a larger winery, there is little ability to personally impact what goes on in Salem. It's amazing that OWA drives collective communication so we can continue to grow Oregon's wine industry.

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Adam Campbell

Owner/Winemaker of Elk Cove Vineyards
Yamhill-Carlton AVA



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Organizations like the OWA have our backs in the Oregon legislature to support small family businesses like mine, giving a voice to the little guy. The affordable annual dues are a small price to pay to have the backing and support of lobbyists and staff that I know will go to bat for my business.

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Brooke Delmas Robertson

Director of Winegrowing

Delmas | SJR Vineyard

The Rocks District of Milton-Freewater



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OWA is an essential voice for our community members, whether they're small grape growers or large wine producers.

As the industry's trusted collaborator and convener for over 40 years, OWA consistently seeks balance and advocates for the successful, responsible and sustainable growth of Oregon's wine industry at both the state and federal levels.

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Anna Maria Ponzi
Laurelwood Vineyard Management
Chehalem Mountains AVA



Thank you!

Visit Us at Booths 122/124



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