

Hold line on beer

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Some folks continue to believe raising Michigan's beer tax will solve our budget problems. It won't.

Higher beer taxes bring sales down.

Beer already is subject to federal and state excise tax, plus Michigan sales tax.

Lower sales mean fewer jobs in the beer sector, which employs 60,000 statewide in breweries, distributorships, retail, agriculture and transportation.

When sales drop, so do tax revenues. Thus Michigan will be back at square one; shrinking revenue, while more jobs get eliminated.

Michigan needs real solutions. Raising the beer tax isn't one of them.

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