



2020 PHAB

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February 6, 2020

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Testimony Supporting HB 1577

Chair Sen. Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair Sen. Linthicum, Sen. Beyer, Sen. Fagan, and Sen. Knopp

My name is David Huntley and I represent the Deschutes County Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB). I am here testifying on behalf of the board in support of SB 1577 with the TRL amendment and I urge your support for SB 1577as well.

I have been volunteering in the county for nearly three years to reduce tobacco and vaping use among teens. During a store visit, I had the store manager tell me his electronic sales system prevents sales of these products to teens. Later I learned that an OHA visit of this store found tobacco products had been sold to a teen. This shows we need stronger enforcement measures to prevent teen access to these products.

As part of the Clinical Cardiovascular Disease regional health improvement working group, I saw a medical doctor reach for a clear canister of flavored tobacco products thinking it was candy treats for the meeting. If a highly trained doctor can misidentify tobacco products as candy think about how easy it is for children to do the same.

We are very concerned about the devastating effects that flavored inhalant delivery system products are having on Oregonians, especially youth. As of January 16th, 2020 there have been 23 cases of vaping related illnesses reported in Oregon, two of which were fatal. Nearly one quarter of the cases were residents under the age of 24. The percentage of 11th-grade students who report vaping or using e-cigarettes in Deschutes County was 19.2% in 2016, increasing to 29.4% in 2018 and

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continues to increase (OR Student Wellness Survey). Flavored vaping products are preferred by many county youth. Senate Bill 1577 prohibits distributing, selling or allowing to be sold flavored inhalant delivery system products.

Our community and state are at great risk of life-threatening illnesses related to flavored inhalant delivery system products. Therefore, on behalf of the Deschutes County Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB), we recommend prohibiting the sale of flavored inhalant delivery system products by **supporting Oregon Senate Bill 1577**. Please contact us if you would like to continue this conversation in protecting Oregon residents.

Sincerely,

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