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Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB3090

I oppose HB 3090 For the following reasons:

The bill hurts all the businesses in the State of Oregon, and it won't stop people from buying flavored tobacco or vape items if they want them.

There has been no enforcement from the State of Oregon on the current law in place of not allowing vape items with candy and fruit on the packages to be sold and if they want to shoulder the biggest portion of the blame, they need to tell everyone if they had enforced the current law already on the books these items wouldn't be being sold right now. Also, there is no punishment for the underage people that are caught with a flavored vape, so would an underage person even worry about it, nothing is going to happen to them for breaking the law.

Everyone says it is "big Tobacco" that is selling the cotton candy vape- It is not any of the "Big Tobacco" companies that are selling these items just go look at the packages at retail. All Oregon would have to do is stop selling the single use disposable items and this would cure the majority of the issues. Flavored cigars and menthol cigarettes are the problem. If this bill passes it is just going to push all the sales for these items into Washington to the north and to Idaho to the east.

How can the State of Oregon get all mad about flavored vape when they decriminalize drugs like cocaine, heroin, and meth? Where is the logic in this. All the states that tax tobacco have made more money than anyone in all the sales over the years and where has this money all gone? Into the general fund. If it had been used for what they told everyone what it was supposed to go for than we would have all had free health care for some time. A better option would be not to impose the ban until such time as the federal government does so, this way everyone is playing ty the same rules and laws. Then reallocate all the money brought into the state and earmark it for refunds to every company providing health care to their employees and for those people that are paying for it already. Also, what is Oregon planning on doing to replace all the lost tax revenue from just the loss of sales of tobacco? Is there going to be budget cuts earmarked for this reduced revenue and an even bigger loss is going to be all the store closures and job losses Oregon is going to encounter. And at the end of the day the consumers will still get the items that they want.