

Submitter: Debra Thorpe

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB3090

2nd page of testimony...

One more item to ask you to consider...

I am a Liquor Agent and have been selling the two products that go hand in hand... alcohol and tobacco, for almost 32 years.

There weren't many "flavors" on tobacco items for many years.

Then "alcohol" started making all of these crazy flavors and adults were thrilled! Tobacco learned from the alcohol industry, flavor!!!

I encourage you to stand in a liquor store and see how many sales include flavored alcohol. Then to up the ante, try and tell an adult that they can not purchase flavored alcohol, like Peach Crown Royal, Whipped Cream Vodka, Spiced Rum, Fireball, citrus vodka, the new canned cocktails that are the largest growing category in Oregon, or any other "flavored" product. You better be prepared to run!!!

Do you see where I am going with this? It is NOT the under 21 generation! Adults are in love with flavored products that go hand in hand. Smokers know that nicotine is not good for them, neither is alcohol but as ADULTS in Oregon THEY should be able to make that individual decision.

Sincerely,

Debra M. Thorpe