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I oppose this as a non smoker resident in Oregon. I am 37 years old and 3 out of 5 family members are smokers. I have never smoked or wanted to smoke despite being raised around cigarettes and currently residing with 2 people whom use flavor vape products. For generations people have chosen to smoke pipe tobacco or regular cigarettes with only regular and menthol flavors being available...they made the choice to do so long before vaping was ever introduced. Furthermore, i know several former smokers who have successfully used vape products to help severely decrease or fully quit smoking tobacco products. If someone is going to choose to use tobacco products they arent going to be stopped just because the products are not flavored...any more than getting rid of Joe Camel stopped people from buying Camel cigarettes. We need to stop targeting people who smoke as a issue in Oregon and spend more time focused on important issues like our underfunded schools, the homeless population, drug use, etc. Bills such as this are bottlenecking a much larger issue in an attempt to make it appear the house is doing something..instead of actually doing something WORTHWHILE. If the idea is to keep kids from smoking, spend the money time and energy on educational resources so they understand the risks involved and also spend the money on cessation assistance for smokers.