

Submitter: Laurel Viles
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB702

Dear Chair and committee members,

My name is Laurel Viles and I live in Portland Oregon. I am writing to express my support for SB 702, banning flavored vaporizers and tobacco. As someone who has been using nicotine for the last decade on and off, I have struggled to keep my hands off of it. I have quit somewhere around 7-8 times, and recently have picked up the habit again. The reason, every time, that I pick it back up, is because of the fruity flavors that are available at every gas station. I am much less inclined to smoke nicotine when it comes form cigarettes, and this is why I was able to quit in the past, keeping myself from the vaporizers. So many children are able to get their hands on these dangerous nicotine devices that are horrible for lungs, blood and bodily stamina. It would be beneficial to all of Oregonians' wellbeing, myself included, if there was no longer access to these vaporizers. It is much too easy for them to be distributed and much too appealing for folks who are trying to stay away from nicotine. Children reach for them as well since they are fruity, sweet flavors and are much more appetizing as a candy-flavored headrush. For these reasons, I fully support SB 702.

Sincerely,
Laurel Viles
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