

Submitter: Paul Diller  
On Behalf Of: my teenage boys  
Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB702

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of my teenage boys, their friends and classmates, and generations of Oregon youth to come, I strongly urge you to support SB 702 banning flavored e-cigarettes and other tobacco products. These products are clearly designed to hook teenagers and then turn them into vapers or smokers for life. There is no good to come from these products besides profits for those who produce and sell them. While the country has made a lot of progress reducing tobacco use in the last 50 years, the proliferation of flavored vaping has put a dent in that progress. While the federal FDA is also working on addressing this problem, Oregon cannot put its faith in the federal government at the moment given who is in charge at that level. Oregon controls its own destiny in this regard. I urge you and your committee to support this good bill and send it to the floor of each chamber for passage. This would allow Oregon to join California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island in banning these products. It is too bad that Oregon lags behind eight other states on this important public health issue, but you can correct that.

Sincerely,  
Paul Diller