

Hearing Details

Hearing on SB 702

Tuesday, March 4, 1:00pm

Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

I was in attendance and registered to testify, but time did not allow for such. Written testimony was submitted

Hello Chairman Reynolds and fellow committee members,

My name is Kathy Ottele, I am a lead volunteer for ACS CAN, I live in Salem, and I am a native Oregonian. I am here to testify in support of S.B. 702.

As the grandmother of a 16 year old sophomore, we have talked about vaping products for several years. He thinks it is a very bad and disgusting habit. It has been sad to learn from him just how easy it would be for him to obtain these products, if he wanted to. When I asked him how the kids get vaping products, he said 'it is easy. We get a phone # to text, place our order, and then meet up with a guy standing on a corner close to school'. Who is checking on this??

My father died from pancreatic cancer, my mother died from multiple myeloma, my sister Pat died from breast cancer, and my youngest sister died from metastatic melanoma. I am a 7-time skin cancer survivor. I don't know about you, but I hate cancer. Cancer has taken so much from me over the years. Since I am retired, I decided to fight back so I have spent the last 3 years working with city council members, county commissioners, and state legislators here in Oregon asking to please restrict the sale of flavored tobacco and vaping products.

Do you know what the #1 cause of death is in Oregon?.....it is lung cancer. How sad that we continue to support the sale of a product whose sole purpose is to kill someone. Why is it taking us so long to change what is happening every day to so many lives in Oregon?

You and I can stand up together and improve the health of thousands of kids & prevent their lung damage. We can help thousands of others to stop smoking which eventually can lead to lung cancer and death.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please help me make fighting cancer a priority by supporting S.B. 702.