

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

Dear Chair Reynolds and Members of the Committee,

As a pediatrician in Portland who frequently works with adolescents, I strongly urge you to support Senate Bill 702, which seeks to restrict the sale of all flavored tobacco products. These flavored tobacco products are specifically marketed toward young people. This results in addiction at a young age, which I have seen repeatedly in my discussions with teens about their substance use. This causes nicotine addiction early in life, which carries into long-term addiction and puts them at risk for lifelong health complications.

Legislation such as SB 702 has already been enacted in other states with positive results. I urge you to pass SB 702 to prevent addiction in the next generation. This is about protecting the health of the children and teens in our communities.

Thank you for your time and commitment to child health.

Sincerely,

Maggie DeBell, MD