

Good (afternoon) Chair Reynolds, Vice Chair Anderson, and members of the committee. For the record my name is Paula Reis, and I am here today to represent the concerns of youth at Frontier charter academy and students at Gresham high school through the support of senate bill 702. Is privacy not a sign of trust? As a student athlete, I've hopped off of my fair share of yellow buses, often darting to the lavatory. These schools are always so architecturally sound and unique, but often share one thing in common. Vape alarms, smoke detectors, open stalls (or stalls with hinges removed), and quite frequently, the inability to close the bathroom door at all. What I am describing is simply not a unique experience. Though hot boxing and or smoking evokes the same imagery as a hangout or casual celebration among friends, it simply creates a rift. A rift in your educational prowess, a strain in youths' opportunity to establish healthy relationships with people in leadership roles, and a one way trip to codependence. Do you remember how elated you got with your first taste of sugar? Dopamine ping ponging in your skull ricocheting sweet melodies. This is the sensation flavored nicotine products try to imitate, and the high these teens strive to chase. They can have it in watermelon, cotton candy, bubblegum, fruit punch, from a vape, heck it can even be in gummy or popcorn. So why paint the ultimate strip down of your entire immune system in such cherry cola packaging? Feigning imagery of youthfulness willist stripping impressionable students of their years. I urge you to vote yes on Senate Bill 702, and take back your hold on the easily accessible and highly coveted market of vapes.