



## **Taxpayers Association of Oregon**

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### **Vote No on SB 1198**



- Exporting Legislative power to ban products to unelected government agencies is unlawful, irresponsible, unjust, legally fought and an abuse of Legislative power.
- Improper advertising issues belong in the courts, not state agencies.
- Banning flavored adult products like vaping, will contribute to the state losing nearly \$200 million in health care tax revenue from the lost tobacco/vaping tax. Customers will switch to illegal online sales that are more dangerous and do not pay the Oregon tax. Already illegal sales make up nearly 25% of tobacco sales.
- State agencies have already shown severe misconduct when they hid a taxpayer-funded study on alcohol taxes from both lawmakers and the public, but shared the data with anti-alcohol advocates (Oregonian 2/23/24). Another agency, OLCC, was investigated for showing preferential treatment on rare liquor distribution. This is what happens when lawmakers give up their power and responsibility to unelected agencies.
- We do not want Oregon to be a place where agencies go on witch-hunts where they are recklessly banning products for obscure reasons such as that a product has a flavor, or it has too bright packaging or a logo that a minor might find interesting and therefore the agency will ban the product.