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Here I am submitting a testimony for the second time in 60 days because you guys just don't get it. Remember what we, the Oregon voters, said last time? You know, about black markets and trafficking? Banning these items does nothing but create illicit markets where more people get hurt. When I see legislation and proposals such as this, I see wasted tax money and a desire to hurt more folks than you think you are saving.

It's always spun into "to protect the kids", but you bans that will create black markets will actually just hurt kids/minors more. Kids/minors aren't going to stop vaping or drinking or anything else simply because you ban something. They are going to do what they are going to do.

You want to do something actually effective? Ban the sale of electronic cigarettes/eliquid at gas stations and convenience stores. Allow only authorized specialists to sell devices and craft eliquids. Or an even better idea. Do you know that most kids get into drinking and/or nicotine due to trauma? Poor family life, financial crisis, lack of support, etc. Maybe if Oregon provided better support and resources for families and kids that are experiencing trauma/poor family life, you could actually dent the problem at the root.

Banning flavored eliquids and artful beer containers isn't going to achieve any of the goals you have set out for. It is sort-sighted, narrow-minded and a surefire way to displease Oregon voters and create more crime.