

Senate Committee on Rules
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The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

My name is Jason Weber. I own four nicotine vape stores in Oregon and a lab that manufactures Vape Crusaders E-Liquids. I'm an Oregonian, a small business owner with about 25 employees, a husband, a father, and a former smoker who turned to vape after 14 years of struggling stop smoking.

As written, I believe Senate Bill 1198 grants the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) overly broad power to regulate nicotine inhalant delivery system packaging. The language in the bill seems to grant OHA the ability to define what 'tailored judiciously' means while also creating the rules for packaging to meet that description. There are already state and federal rules on nicotine packaging. SB 1198 leaves lawmakers and businesses in the dark on what SB 1198 will actually do if passed. I'm concerned that OHA may use this bill as a backroad flavor ban by eliminating packaging that includes any flavor reference.

I've been in business for over 10 years and have been a consistent presence in the capital on legislation impacting my industry during this time. I've never been included in a single policy discussion, I've had many meetings declined, and for two years in a row I've driven over 100 miles to the Oregon State Capital to testify and been turned away due to time constraints. There is no one in the capital that understands my business, my customers, or the products that I manufacture better than I do.

I've included photos that may be vulnerable to our businesses, but we hope this shows a good faith effort in our desire to work with the Oregon Legislature on SB 1198 and future legislation. The images were taken on the day of the public hearing in one of my stores and a store owned by another vape shop owner with permission, but the store name has been redacted.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify and welcome any questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely,

Jason Weber





Name of store covered for privacy. Please note three signs on the door prohibiting minors from entering.