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Under HB 2528, unelected OHA officials could ban vaping/cigarettes at a whim and effectively destroy a hundred local small family businesses overnight. If OHA officials do indeed wipe out these small businesses under HB 2528 (all without a vote), Oregon will lose an estimated \$176 million of health care tax dollars from the current tobacco tax. Ironically, vaping is often the #1 method people use to quit smoking. Any OHA ban or partial ban (like banning flavor) will push Oregonians to buy their products online (made in China/Mexico) that are untaxed and unregulated. HB 2528 gives OHA the power to extend nicotine taxes to other untaxed nicotine products without a vote of the people or lawmakers. This is taxation without representation. This will lead to other products being taxed w/o a vote.

NO on HB 2528