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Restricting flavored tobacco and nicotine sales to liquor stores under SB 702 does little to address the concerns of responsible retailers or public health. Many specialized vape shops and convenience stores already follow strict age verification procedures to prevent underage sales, ensuring compliance with existing laws. By forcing consumers to purchase these products exclusively at liquor stores, the bill reduces consumer access, harms small businesses, and pushes buyers toward unregulated markets. Additionally, liquor stores are not necessarily better equipped to enforce compliance than dedicated retailers. Instead of limiting availability, lawmakers should focus on balanced regulations that ensure responsible retail practices without unfairly targeting specific businesses.