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As an employee of a smoke shop, I would strongly oppose this bill.

Not only does this put small business out of business but would prevent me from providing for my family. There are many ways that could reduce the use of flavored vape products but this wouldn't help. More teens use alcohol than Nicotine products this would just encourage using both, as well as encourage a black market for vape products.

We saw this all happen with Juul pods and brands like Juul pods. Flavored THC vapes also had a lot of fake devices flood the market leaving people sick or with irreparable damages to their bodies.

Banning these products would increase black market. Limiting them to liquor stores would monopolize liquor stores and put similar businesses out of business.

Oregon has some of the highest tobacco taxes limiting this in any way would severely hurt the economy.

Oregon as a state would be held responsible for the increase in teen drinking and the increase of teen smoking.

I would sincerely advise against this and ban Nicotine vapes from gas stations and mini Marts places where minors can still shop.

Vaping and cigarettes should be limited to 21+ establishments only to truly make an impact. Subliminal advertising via mini Marts and or grocery stores is real and poses as a problem.

Parents or other parties getting these items for their underage party should be held responsible in the maximum way possible. If underage person brings vape to school the school finds out, there should be a fine or some sort of disciplinary action for the parents or legal guardian.