

ACTION ALERT

Urge your Legislators to Support HB 2546B Senate hearing on Monday, May 11th

Dear OPHA Member.

We need your help! <u>HB 2546B</u>: Relating to inhalants (E-Cigarettes) was voted out of the Senate Health Care Committee early this week and now heads to the Senate Floor on Monday, May 11th. **Please send an email to your Legislators asking their support for electronic cigarette regulation.**

Oregon is one of nine states that allow children and youth to purchase electronic cigarettes. There are also no restrictions on where electronic cigarettes can be used; these devices can be used at coffee shops and restaurants exposing bystanders to second-hand vapor.

Proposed legislation defines inhalant delivery system as a device and any component (i.e. e-juice)—commonly known as an electronic cigarette. Legislation would treat electronic cigarettes like other tobacco products by:

- Restricting access to youth under the age of 18 years; and
- Prohibiting use in public places and places of employment

Additionally, proposed legislation would require electronic cigarettes and their components to be sold in child-resistant safety packaging. It would also prohibit the use of cannabinoids and other substances in electronic cigarettes in public places and places of employment.

For more information:

- Learn more about HB 2546B and track its progress <u>HERE</u>.
- Click here to view the CLHO factsheet on electronic cigarettes.

Take action today!

Join local public health as we urge the Oregon Legislature to protect our children and youth by supporting legislation that prohibits the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors and includes electronic cigarettes in the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act.

<u>Click here</u> to send your Legislator(s) a letter urging them to support HB 2546B.

*Please use this template as a starting point for emails urging support.

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