

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/27, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits distribution of tobacco products from vending machines except where premises are off-limits to minors.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number and volume of sales through vending machines
- Location of vending machines

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows vending machines in any establishment where the premises are off limits to minors.

BACKGROUND: As of March 31, 2003 the National Cancer Institute's State Cancer Legislative Database reports that 48 states and the District of Columbia restrict youth access to tobacco by restricting access to vending machines, and two states – Idaho and Vermont – had instituted bans on the sale of tobacco in vending machines. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that 23 percent of high school students in the United States are current cigarette smokers - 23 percent of females and 22.9 percent of males. The CDC concluded that restricting youth and adult access to tobacco is a deterrent to smoking and communities that have adopted tighter restrictions have achieved greater success in preventing the purchase of tobacco by minors. Oregon's Department of Human Services reports that among eighth graders who smoke, seven percent indicate they have purchased cigarettes from vending machines.