

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, VanOrman, Tomei
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Olson
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Meeting Dates:	4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that out-of-state and internet sellers of tobacco products to Oregon consumers are subject to same regulation as are sellers located in Oregon. Ensures the applicability of Attorney General's injunction to all persons. Provides for a civil penalty for violation of tobacco regulations of up to \$5,000 per violation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon has an obligation to enforce certain tobacco regulations arising out of the multi-state Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. Current law provides that the Oregon Department of Justice must create a directory of tobacco products which comply with certain regulatory requirements and may therefore be sold in Oregon.

The current statute applies to persons who offer cigarettes for sale "in this state," which may not include out-of-state internet providers of tobacco products. Additionally, current law permits the Attorney General (AG) to seek an injunction against a "distributor," which may be inconsistent with regulatory limitations imposed upon a "person." The AG's current enforcement options include injunction, but there is no civil penalty authority available.