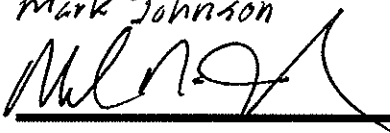


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**OREGON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**



## **The Oregon Medical Association SUPPORTS HB 2896**

**HB 2896 would prohibit the use of tanning beds by minors unless their physician makes an exemption.**

- Skin cancer is one of the most prevalent types of cancer that disproportionately affects a high number of Oregonians. It is a preventable cancer: prevented by limiting exposure to ultraviolet light.
- Statistics show that minors, especially young women, are using these devices and causing potential future harm to themselves. The 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System reported the following proportions of youth report indoor tanning:
  - 13% of all high school students
  - 21% of high school girls
  - 32% of girls in the 12th grade
- Limiting exposure to the types UV lights found in tanning beds for minors greatly decreases their chance of developing deadly melanomas later in life; decreasing their radiation exposure can decrease their likelihood of developing cancer by as much as 75%.
- In 2009 The World Health Organization classified UVA, the light source used in tanning beds, as a carcinogen, and recommended measures to limit exposure.

**Please support HB 2896 to help reduce the incidences of  
skin cancer in our state.**

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