

First off Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Vapping is NOT smoking, nor is it a tobacco product. For this is should not be lumped in with tobacco. If you want to ban vapping in public lets make a bill just for vapping. Not that I would want that to pass either, just lumping vapping in with tobacco sets a bad precedent.

This ban would make it difficult for small business owners. There are a large variety of eliquid and sampling at Vape shops is very important to the consumer. This ban would make that impossible. Some vape shops are in strip malls and or attached to other buildings. Some tobacco shops also sell eliquid and vape equipment.

Vapping in public gets smokers to ask questions. Some smokers are just getting introduced to vapping, which is helping the over all health of Oregonians, and seeing others vape makes people curious.

FDA has not proven second hand vapping to be harmful. The FDA also has done little to anything about vapping and I belive we should see what they say before jumping to unproven assumptions to make law.

I wish I could have been to the hearing yesterday in person, I did however watch it and I saw a large number of Vape shop owners. I just want to let you know I am not a shop owner, just a consumer who has quit smoking an 18 year habit thanks to vapping.

Finally I want to bring up zero nicotine eliquid. People start vapping to quit smoking and start with a nicotine level that makes them happy and gradually step it down. Some continue to vape even when they have got their nicotine level to ZERO. No study has been done to prove this to be harmful to the person vapping it or the person next to him getting "second hand" vape near them.

Thank you again,
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