

Representatives and Committee Assistant,

Please review current current studies and information before deciding to ban e-cigarette usage outright as if it is smoking. I personally have used an electronic cigarette to quit smoking for almost two years now. I totally understand, and condone the restriction of sales of e-cigarettes to minors. I believe that restricting the usage of e-cigarettes to areas where only smoking is currently allowed will depreciate the value of these devices as a tobacco harm reduction tool. I've attached a copy of the letter written by Richard Carmona, M.D., M.P.H. FACS & 17th Surgeon General of the United States in support of my case. The letter was written to the New York City Council in December of 2013. I realize that I am not a resident of Oregon, but I do believe that this proposal should be reviewed, and at the very least postponed until further information on the effects of using an electronic cigarette are made available to the Council. I believe that upon further investigation, you will all see the benefit these products provide to both the health of the citizens and the air quality in Oregon. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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