

Dear Committee members,

I oppose HB 2134 and HB 2074. I have seen several people quit smoking using electronic cigarettes and vaporizers. We do not tax nicotine gum and patches. Rather, the IRS allows some tax deductions for smoking cessation programs. Oregon should not put up barriers to those who want to quit smoking using these products.

The state will save enough money on lower health care expenses and higher productivity to make up for the lost cigarette tax revenue.

We could be cigarette free in a generation if we let freedom work here.

Thank you,

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