

Dear Committee Members

My name is Catherine Kaiser and I am writing today, April 9th of 2015 in opposition SB 663 -2 proposed amendment that was added to this bill and why it should be tabled until all the details, some of which I have listed below are resolved first.

I am submitting my testimony for my reasons that I am opposing and asking you to oppose SB 663 -2 amendment which has now been unfairly in my opinion added to SB 663.

I am extremely troubled that someone who works for me would try to add an amendment to another bill that had nothing to do with the bill that is trying to be amended at the last minute. I would like you to send me an email explaining to me why this was done as it is my right to know. I will leave my email address at the bottom of this letter for your convenience.

This was added to a bill, that "in my opinion" is sure to pass the House and Senate with no problem due to the fact of what SB 663 was originally intended to accomplish.

If I remember correctly the vape shop owners and vapers have never been opposed to having regulations on e-cigarettes that were fair, sensible and not based on cigarettes that actually HAVE been proven to kill people.

E-cigarettes and their liquid do not contain tobacco. We don't like cigarettes, they have caused a tremendous amount of deaths as we all know and some of those deaths directly related to cigarette smoking have certainly occurred in my own family. I am trying to break that chain in my own family as well as trying to help others do the same.

Constructing any bill that will have an effect on the people of the great state of Oregon, which by the way I chose to live in passing up all of the other states I had to choose from, should have all their ducks in a row, before any proposed bill is constructed. I don't see the -2 proposed amendment to SB 663 as having done that. Do you really not see that a bill should never be constructed this way no matter what the proposed bill is for? Would you want a bill that may affect your life or your business to be done like that? This proposed -2 amendment to SB 663 leaves way too many questions unanswered and should have all the terms and procedures figured out ahead of the bill and be fully disclosed in the bill.

“(3) For the purpose of licensing premises under this section, the commission shall adopt rules establishing:

“(a) The term of licensure;

“(b) Procedures for applying for and renewing licenses; and

“(c) Licensure application, issuance and renewal fees that are reasonably calculated to pay the costs of administering sections 1 to 11 of this 2015 Act.

1. Does the OLCC have in place right now how they will be enforcing rules pertaining to Vape Shops?
2. Has the OLCC and OHA been inside various Vape Shops to familiarize their selves with what it is they will be regulating by talking to and having Vape Shop owners educate them on all the different items now available?
3. Will the Vape Shop owners, being stake holders in these issues, be invited to the discussions about the procedures and licensing costs that will affect their small businesses?
4. What method it the OLCC going to use to calculate what a REASONABLE cost is and why is that "reasonable" cost not disclosed in this bill.
5. How will the people that sell cigarettes out of the back of their trucks or cars be licenced?

“(c) Redeem a coupon for a tobacco product or an inhalant delivery system.

I just received in the mail a few weeks ago coupons for Virginia Slims cigarettes and have in the past, before the 7+ months I have changed to vaping, redeemed them with no problem at Walgreens. How are you going to control that? I would be more than happy to save the next cigarette coupons I get in the mail to give to you so OLCC can perform a sting operation on this matter to insure if this is still happening or not.

I would like bring to your attention why I am extremely concerned about any bill that has to do with vaping.

I have smoked cigarettes for 45 years and at the age of 62 I was able to quit by switching to vaping E-Cigarettes. I have tried all the other quit smoking products available on the market for several years and none worked even though my heart was really into quitting. These have included the nicotine patches, the nicotine gum, and Chantix and the stick type E-Cigarettes sold at drug stores and gas stations. All these products were tried several times during my life but yet I always went back to smoking. I have even resorted to trying to quit cold turkey and cutting down on the number of cigarettes I smoked to no avail. Four months ago I decided to try vaping with E-liquids

in the newer devices (batteries and tanks) they sell now. The very first day I tried this method I have not had a desire to smoke since and have not smoked since.

If you, your friends or a loved one has never been in this situation, I am very happy for you, but I am and these vaping laws are so near and dear to my heart that I actually sat down and cried my eyes out when I found out what is trying to be done to possibly take this away from me being an taxpaying, registered Adult voter of this great state of Oregon.

I have been watching many proposed bills going through the Legislature this year, vaping related or not, and have been taking notes on all the committees that are involved as well as the House and Senate members voting on the bills, gathering information that will help me decide who I will and will not be voting for in the next election. I will now be watching many more of the bills to see if there is any concerns I may have with those also because I care about myself and my fellow Oregonians.

Thank you for taking my concerns and questions seriously about SB 663 -2 amendment when conducting a work session for this bill before sending it through to be voted on.

Very Respectfully,

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