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I must state that if SB 663 is to go forward with language and regulations regarding electronic cigarettes included, that a Vape shop exemption for sampling is a logical addition to the bill.

It would be painfully and obviously biased to see a lack of exemption for sampling included as there is language exempting combustible tobacco products in this legislation. If no exemption is made then it is painfully obvious to myself and other voters that vapor products are being singled out intentionally for whatever reason, and that scientifically proven far more dangerous combustible tobacco is being given a pass.

Sampling in brick & mortar electronic cigarette shops plays a big part in showing customers the potential benefits as well as the proper use of these devices in regards to safety. Finding a flavor profile and device that allows a person to not consume combustible tobacco and makes transitioning to electronic cigarettes as easy as possible must be considered in regards to regulation. Not one flavor or device will work for everyone. I had tried many myself before finding a helpful employee at a local shop and have stuck with it ever since.

Without the option to try these liquids and devices before a purchase, the experience can be a maddening process of trial and error with a lot of frustration for many people whose lives are at risk and dominated by the ills of tobacco addiction. Without the right device or liquid tailored to the specific users needs, they may go back to smoking deadly cigarettes.

Again I must ask why is there no exemption for these products? What sense does it make to favor combustible tobacco for retailers in comparison when it is proven time and time again they kill?

Given these stores will be required to allow admittance to only those who are of legal smoking age I simply cannot comprehend the logic or lack thereof behind omitting such an exemption. I plead for you to reconsider given the lack of justification.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

-Byron Anderson, Voter residing in Beaverton Oregon.