

From the Desk of
Rep. Jeff Barker



A handwritten signature of Jeff Barker in black ink.

To: Members of the Oregon House of Representatives

From: Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

Date: February 27, 2015

Re: Support for HB 2546-A

Members of the Oregon House of Representatives,

The Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and Oregon State Sheriffs' Association strongly support the passage of HB 2546-A.

This bill creates consistency and eliminates ambiguity for Law Enforcement. It clearly defines an "inhalant delivery system" (A device that can be used to deliver nicotine or Cannabinoids in the form of a vapor or aerosol to a person inhaling from the device) and creates clarity in statute regarding these devices.

As vaping has become more commonplace, it is increasingly difficult for law enforcement officers to determine what substances, including cannabinoids, are being vaped in public places. This bill prohibits use of inhalant delivery systems in public places as well as places of employment. It creates consistency and eliminates ambiguity for law enforcement officers. Perhaps most importantly, this measure addresses the sale and use of these products by minors and again, creates a clear and "bright line" that the public can understand and that officers can apply consistently.

We urge you to support HB 2546-A