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**Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position**

SB 1559: Relating to regulation of tobacco or inhalant delivery system retail licensing

Clackamas County opposes SB 1559 as currently drafted. The Board of County Commissioners opposes SB 1559, which requires persons selling tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems in this state to be licensed by the Department of Revenue.

Clackamas County is supportive of creating a strong tobacco retail licensure program in Oregon that will better protect children from getting addicted to tobacco. However, the current version of SB 1559 includes three preemptions on the ability for counties to control the retail environment (see Section 13 – Preemption). Currently, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners is evaluating options for a stronger form of local tobacco retail licensing and this current version of SB 1559 would remove our local control.

We urge a “no” vote for SB 1559 as currently drafted.

Please contact Chris Lyons at clyons@clackamas.us for more information.