

SB 1559

Relating to the regulation of persons who sell products that cannot be sold to persons under the age of 18

On February 25th, the Capital Construction Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of SB 1559, with amendments.

SB 1559 requires qualified entities selling tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems to be licensed by the Department of Revenue beginning January 1, 2017. The agency is to establish license fees at a rate that covers their own costs for administering the program and the costs of the Oregon Health Authority, which is the agency responsible for performing inspections and providing education and outreach.

The fiscal impact to Department of Revenue is minimal and can be absorbed within their budget. The fiscal for the Oregon Health Authority is estimated at \$742,267 Other Funds, primarily to cover the costs of 11 positions to do inspections. Sufficient fee revenue is expected to be available to cover costs of both agencies.

The proposed amendment makes changes related to discipline, caps the licensure fee at \$300 until February 1, 2017, requires annual reporting, and makes a number of technical changes. It also includes the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon Health Authority.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 1559 be amended by the -A13 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.