



COALITION OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS

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TO: House Health Care Committee
FR: Morgan D. Cowling, MPA, CLHO Executive Director
RE: Support for HB 3345

The Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO) represents the 34 local public health departments in Oregon. Oregon's local public health departments work to create healthy environments that support the health of the public. The Coalition of Local Health Officials supports house bill 3345, providing greater clarity where smoking and inhalant use are prohibited.

There is a large body of research that has demonstrated the connection between exposure to second-hand smoke (SHS) and diseases like lung cancer, and heart disease in adults, and sudden infant death syndrome, severe asthma and respiratory infections in Children.

Smoke-free laws have been shown to substantially improve indoor air quality, reduce exposure to SHS, change social norms around the acceptability of smoking, prevent youth smoking initiation, and reduce heart attack and asthma hospitalizations among nonsmokers. Furthermore, smoke-free laws increase smokers' efforts to quit smoking. All Oregonians, not matter where they live, or work have the right to clean and safe air.

In addition to the health benefits of a strong Indoor Clean Air Act (ICAA), a 25ft buffer would make ICAA enforcement much easier and more clear as a 10ft buffer is difficult to enforce as many people perceive 10ft as further away than it actually is.

- Model policies are 25ft buffers
- National chains like Starbucks have created company polices that create a 25ft buffer

Thank you for your attention and support of HB 3345 as an important public health issue.



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