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TO: Senate Committee on Health Care
RE: SB 754, relating to products that have a minimum age requirement for purchase

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich testified in front of your Committee on February 7, 2017 at the informational hearing on this concept. He provided background to the Committee on the evolution of public health related work over the past three years that led to the Board of Commissioners current contemplation and action related to Lane County's local Ordinance 17-01, a local law to increase the age of purchase of tobacco products to 21 throughout Lane County.

Lane County supports SB 754. A statewide measure would be avoid the inevitable discrepancies amongst a series of local ordinances, and would eliminate the dynamic of cross-border sales which are also characteristic of local ordinances. We further support the structures contained in section 2 of the bill which create a differing set of enforcement and fines depending on the level of responsibility ensconced within the retail establishment.

We urge the Committee to schedule a Work Session for SB 754, and seek a DO PASS recommendation.

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