



To: House Committee on Revenue  
From: Steve Bobb, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council  
Date: April 11, 2019  
Subject: Please Support House Bill 2270

Good Morning Chair Nathanson and members of the Committee, my name is Steve Bobb, I am a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council, and I am here today in support of HB 2270.

In your file you have a resolution passed by the Confederated Tribes of Ronde supporting the efforts of HB 2270 dated April 3, 2019.

Native Americans have the highest cigarette smoking rate of all ethnic and racial groups. Due to the high prevalence rate of smoking and other commercial tobacco use Native Americans also have a higher risk of tobacco related disease and death. In fact Native American women are the most negatively impacted by cigarette and commercial tobacco use.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tobacco Statistics (from 2015 Social and Economic Survey):

- 24.2% of CTGR Members Smoke Tobacco
- 4.8% of CTGR Members Use E-Cigarettes
- 4.0% of CTGR Members Chew Tobacco
- Average Age CTGR Member Began Smoking— 16.9 Years
- Average Age CTGR Member Began Using E-Cigarettes— 43.3 Years

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Student Tobacco Statistics (from 2018 Oregon Student Wellness Survey):

- CTGR Students in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade used tobacco 2-3 times more often than other students in Oregon.
- CTGR Students obtained tobacco from friends over 18, a family member or from home without permission 2-3 times more often than other students in Oregon.
- CTGR Students aged 11-16 years have tried e-cigarettes and vape pens 2-3 times more than other students in Oregon.

HB 2270 would allow the Tribe to continue supporting tobacco prevention at its current level and increase funding for cessation programs and community engagement efforts.

Thank you for your time, I'd be happy to answer any questions, and again we encourage support of HB 2270.