

Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 4078

February 18, 2020

The Oregon Dental Association supports HB 4078 which regulates the sale of electronic cigarettes.

I'm sure it comes as no surprise that tobacco products are harmful to one's oral health. Tobacco use is associated with higher rates of tooth decay, receding gums, periodontal disease, bone damage, tooth loss, and more. Tobacco use is also a proven significant risk factor for oral cancer development.

There is no such thing as a healthy tobacco product. While many non-cigarette alternatives are often marketed as harmless, studies show that e-cigarettes are found to contain formaldehyde, among other harmful chemicals. E-cigarettes and vaping product use (including flavored products) is quickly rising among teens and young adults.

The Oregon Dental Association is strongly in support of House Bill 4078, as we believe it is one critical step to help curb this alarming trend, leading to healthier Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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Director of Government Affairs