

# OREGON COALITION OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS

**March 23, 2021**  
**House Health Care Committee**  
**CLHO Supports HB 2261**

The Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO) represents the 33 local public health authorities who work every day to prevent the spread of disease, protect the public's health and promote healthy communities. The Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials supports HB 2261 which would ban the online sales of e-cigarettes. We urge the committee to pass this important legislation this session.

The Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials has supported legislation introduced in previous sessions to include inhalant delivery systems in Oregon law like other nicotine products such as cigarettes and other tobacco products. Nicotine is very addictive, and e-cigarettes and inhalant delivery systems are able to deliver large amounts of nicotine very quickly and discretely. Anecdotal stories about e-cigarette use in high school bathrooms and hallways are rampant. According to data from the Oregon Healthy Teens surveys in 2017 and 2019, 11<sup>th</sup> grade use of e-cigarettes increased by 80 percent (from 13 to 23 percent).<sup>1</sup>

Oregon must continue to be vigilant and reduce mechanisms for youth to buy these products illegally. HB 2261 would treat inhalant delivery systems and e-cigarettes like other cigarette and tobacco products and ban the online sales of these products.

We urge the committee to pass this legislation and continue treating inhalant delivery systems like cigarettes and other tobacco products.

Thank you,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/SUBSTANCEUSE/Documents/vaping/OHA-youth-vaping-crisis-2019-data-brief.pdf>



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