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To: Senate Committee on General Government; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2640]...Smoking one Cigar is equivalent to smoking an entire pack of cigarettes.

[HB 2640] requires clarification. Nah, just get rid of it.

The "Text [page 1 at 7-8]" states, " SECTION 2. (1)(a) A smoke shop may allow a third party to provide on the certified premises alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. (b) Nothing in this subsection authorizes a smoke shop to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. (2) The Oregon Health Authority may adopt rules to carry out this section."

So, if I read this correctly, the Oregon Health Authority may authorize a "third party" to sell alcohol for consumption at a "smoke shop" but the "smoke shop" itself cannot? What is the rationale for this bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo?

Hey Oregon Health Authority, smoking "anything" is bad for your "health" and now you are going to allow for alcohol consumption (which is also bad for your health) and possibly create DUII drivers?

Smoking "cigars" allows the lungs to be exposed to more nicotine than cigarettes, increasing the chances of contracting lung cancer and heart disease.

It gets worse...

The "Text [page 1 at 18-19]" states, " (c) Allows the smoking of cigars on the premises but prohibits the smoking, aerosolizing or vaporizing of other inhalants on the premises;"

Once again, the "Text [page 2 at 3-7]" states, "(3) (4) "Inhalant" means nicotine, a cannabinoid or any other substance that: (a) Is in a form that allows the nicotine, cannabinoid or substance to be delivered into a person's respiratory system; (b) Is inhaled for the purpose of delivering the nicotine, cannabinoid or other substance into a person's respiratory system;"

How did cannabinoid creep into this clause? The "Text [page 1 at 18-19]" states, " (c) Allows the smoking of cigars on the premises but prohibits the smoking, aerosolizing or vaporizing of other inhalants on the premises;" Additional bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo when it is "legal" to smoke and or vaporize marijuana in public?

The Oregon Health Authority has been plagued with making "bad decisions" for years.

Unfortunately the OHA is consistent in this regard.

"Smoke Shops" of any kind, should be "prohibited" as a matter of Public Health policy.

Respectfully submitted,

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