

Oregon House of Representatives House Committee on General Governance Chair Marty Wilde American Cancer Society
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RE: Opposition to HB 2640

Dear Chair Wilde and the members of the House Committee on General Governance:

For the record, my name is Jamie Dunphy, and I am the Oregon Government Relations Director for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) urges you to vote NO on HB 2640. As a national advocate for tobacco control, ACS CAN opposes any proposals that would increase exposure to secondhand smoke.

This proposal would unnecessarily backtrack on Oregon's strong clean smoke-free air law. We should be proud of the protections this body has put in place and should not weaken these protections. The data show that there are no safe levels of secondhand tobacco smoke. This proposal would increase exposure to secondhand smoke for both workers and patrons, undermine public health, and needlessly endanger lives. Everyone has the right to breathe clean smoke-free air and no one should have to choose between their health and a good job.

Oregon's Indoor Clean Air Act was crafted to protect both customers and workers. At a time when our state is prioritizing the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, both the health effects and the economic effects, now is not the appropriate time to consider reducing clean air protections.

Please vote NO on HB 2640.

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