



UPSTREAM
PUBLIC HEALTH

To: Senate Committee on Health Care
Meeting Date: February 17, 2021
Re: SB 587

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Knopp and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lillie Manvel, and I am the Executive Director at Upstream Public Health, a non-profit based in Portland, Oregon and a resident of Salem, Oregon. I am writing to voice our organization's support of SB 587, requiring retailers of tobacco and inhalant delivery systems to be licensed under the Oregon Health Authority and local health authorities. This licensing requirement will allow for the Oregon Health Authority to uphold health and safety laws associated with tobacco and inhalant delivery systems across the state of Oregon. Additionally, local public health authorities will have the ability to enforce both local and statewide standards to regulate the sale of tobacco and inhalant delivery systems.

The funding for SB 587 is largely self-contained. Fees collected from the Oregon Health Authority and local public health authorities will be appropriated for administration and enforcement. Enforcing civil penalties for the unlicensed sale of tobacco and inhalant delivery systems will reduce sales targeted towards youth and reduce the presence of contraband products.

Upstream Public Health has been a vocal supporter of SB 587. In order to reduce youth tobacco use, Upstream believes that Tobacco Retail Licensure is necessary as it ensures that tobacco sales comply with current laws in place, such as not selling tobacco to youth. Additionally, it works to support local businesses by allowing for the resources to obtain and renew licensure. Oregon is one of the last states to NOT have a Tobacco Retail License, which only serves to emphasize the importance of SB 587.

We oppose the preemption language in this bill.

Thank you very much for considering my testimony today. And thank you for your consideration, empathy and for your service to the people in Oregon.

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