

Submitter: Cameron Skinner

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB3090

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Cameron Skinner and I have been a student at Linfield University for the last four years and I'm writing in support of HB 3090 in hope to aid the prevention of nicotine products used by young adolescents. I fully believe that eliminating the sale of flavored tobacco products will decrease the number of young adolescents using these products and be one step closer to obtaining a healthier youth in America.

I have had personal experiences with tobacco products and more specifically flavored products. The color and flavor of such a product seemed very appealing to me and my own health concern was at the least of my worries. For a long time I had a pain in my chest and every time I exercised I had to stop because I couldn't stop coughing. After a while this started to worry me so I decided to stop, however it wasn't easy. Nicotine is highly addictive and can hinder the mind of a developing brain. Which is why I strongly feel this bill should be passed in order to protect young adolescents for their sake.

Tobacco use has also affected some of my family members as well. My uncle used to be a heavy smoker and dip user and it affected his health greatly and it eventually ended his life due to cancer. I ask you as a citizen to consider those lives that have been lost to the use of tobacco products and the children in the future that will be affected as well.

Thank you for hearing my concerns and for your service to Oregon. With that said, I urge the committee to support HB 3090.