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On Behalf Of: Oregon Behavioral Health Independent Providers Ass  
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To : Oregon Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

From: Tim Murphy Vice- Chair Oregon Behavioral Health Independent Provider Association ( OBHIPA)

Re: SB 702

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is clear on both the dangers of smoking and the increased danger of vaping and the use of flavored tobacco and nicotine. Some well-known facts are:

“Most vapes and cigarettes contain chemicals that can harm youth brain development.” (CDC)

“Tobacco is responsible for over 480,000 deaths per year in the United States alone and is the leading preventable cause of death.” (CDC)

“Life expectancy for smokers is at least 10 years less than non-smokers.” (CDC)

While SB 702 doesn't ban the use of tobacco it can dramatically decrease the appeal and “entryway” into the deadly practice of smoking.

As treatment providers, we see the damage caused by addiction every day and the co-morbid use of tobacco products, along with alcohol and other drugs, only exacerbates their serious health related conditions.

Well, not perfect ( it could be broader.) OBHIPA strongly encourages you to pass SB 702.

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