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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
HB 2546: Relating to regulation of inhalant delivery systems

Clackamas County supports HB 2546: The Board of County Commissioners supports HB 2546, which seeks to regulate the use of inhalant delivery systems (e-cigarettes).

Sales of e-cigarettes approached \$2 billion in 2013, and are expected to surpass \$10 billion by 2017. While the risks posed by e-cigarettes are currently unknown, what is known is that they contain addictive levels of nicotine, they are not approved as smoking cessation devices, and children are attracted to them because of marketing, flavors, and low prices.

Across the country, states and local jurisdictions have or are taking action that would prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes to minors and include e-cigarettes in their indoor air laws and smoking bans. Clackamas County has already expanded its tobacco restrictions to include e-cigarettes on all county property. We believe this legislation will help promote the health and lifestyles of residents by adding e-cigarettes to the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act and prohibiting the sale of these and similar inhalant delivery systems to minors. We urge a “yes” vote for HB 2546.

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