

Dear Committee Members

My name is Catherine Kaiser and I am writing today, March 22nd of 2015 in opposition of SB2546A.

I would like to submit my testimony for a few of my reasons that I am opposing SB 2546A

No one that I know of has changed the name of e-cigarettes to inhalant delivery systems because that is not what they are and I find those terms very offensive. They are called e-cigarettes throughout the whole world. Even the FDA calls them e-cigarettes.

I am requesting that amendment -8 be added to this bill in its entirety as from what I can see A24 does not allow vape events or allow vapers to vape in vape shops other than to sample e-liquids. There was a vape meet held in Eugene already this year which draws hundreds of people from all over the US and in turn provides revenue to Oregon. These people stay in motels, eat at restaurants, shop in our stores, etc. These events are held in many other states yearly. I did not see in the paper or anywhere else that anything negative took place at the vape meet in Eugene. They always check id's before you even get close to the event so there is no issue of kids getting in, they do this whether there is an age law in place or not. Believe it or not, vapers are very much against under age vaping. Also, no one is going to go into a vape shop except vapers or people that may be interested in looking into an alternate way to replace cigarette smoking. There will not be any kids in those shops if you ever pass the age law so that should not be a concern.

Underneath the BACKGROUND section you call e-cigarettes, e-cigarettes, but yet everywhere else you refer to them as Inhalant delivery system. You are correct calling them e-cigarettes because that is what they are.

Vapers know that they are a "reduced" harm alternative to cigarettes but don't claim they are 100% safe.

The two products listed that the FDA tested probably don't even exist today, 6years after they issued this statement as well as the statement using the word "potential" health risks. More extensive research has been done since then and is still being done to this day. Vapor's also want the good tests that have been done or are being done with good science along with the proof to back it up, not the bad science ones that are done incorrectly and don't publish any proof to back them up, because we also care what we put in our bodies, hence cigarettes which we already know the death toll from. The major majority of adult e-cigarette users know they are a "safer" alternative to smoking yet not 100% safe. Safety concerns should always be compared to the safety of smoking cigarettes which have over 4000 chemicals in them in which at least 50 are proven to cause at least 10 different types of cancer along with many other health issues. It is up to an adult to choose which they feel is safer, smoking or vaping.

No one on these committees is keeping us from going out and buying a pack of cigarettes.

There are many articles out there to allow you to see some of the more recent studies on e-cigarettes and e-juice, etc. as I don't feel you have kept up on the emerging studies and science available and yet you are still trying to make decisions on e-cigarettes bills and their components without true up to date knowledge about the positive studies and science. Since you all work for us, you owe it to us to take the time to find out every detail out there, not just negative articles you may find or that have been passed along to you, but positive ones as well, before making judgments on things that could have a positive effect on millions of people's lives. I am not talking about the bad science that has been rebuked by other scientists and the bad newspaper articles that seem to be running rampant these days. Remember, you should always be comparing risks of e-cigarettes to combustible cigarette safety which a lot of reputable scientists have already done or are doing.

One last note before closing. With all these e-cigarette bills going through you have changed me and thousands of other vapers along with their family, friends and neighbors who support the switch they were able to make from conventional cigarettes to e-cigarettes, into one issue voters. We will not be supporting anyone in the next election from any party that does not support vaping

Very Respectfully,

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Just one of the emails that I sent along with the response I got from Rep. Knute Buehler. Many more emails have and are still in the process of going out to every Government official that I can find in Oregon and Washington DC. Vaping is very near and dear to my heart and I will never stop fighting for my rights to vape and never have to smoke cigarettes again.

February 5, 2015

Dear Knute Buehler,

I am writing as a voter and taxpaying constituent to express extreme opposition to HB 2546. Although I am supportive of efforts to prohibit sales of nicotine products to minors, this bill goes too far as it would limit adult awareness and access to smoke-free electronic cigarettes. Furthermore, I find the language used to define these products, "Inhalant Delivery Systems," to be derogatory and intentionally misleading. While I understand some have expressed a fear about these products acting as a "gateway" to traditional cigarettes for youth, there is no evidence to suggest this is really happening,

and research actually shows it is unlikely to happen to any substantial extent. Teen smoking rates are at their lowest point since smoking became popular and continue to drop, but there are adults who will continue to smoke until they die unless we provide attractive alternatives.

email response from Rep.Knute Buelher

Catherine Kaiser,

Thank you for reaching out to our office to express your concern regarding the section which limits the use of smokeless products including electronic cigarettes proposed in House Bill 2546. I will be sure to bring this issue to Representative Buehler's attention, and he appreciates your input.

If you have any further questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Best,

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