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### OPHA Action Alert:

#### Protect Oregon's Children from E-cigarettes

**Oregon is one of only nine states that allow minors to purchase electronic cigarettes and there are currently NO restrictions on where electronic cigarettes can be used.** The use of electronic cigarettes in workplaces and public places is a public health concern—studies have found a 20% degradation of indoor air quality during use of electronic cigarettes

#### What is being proposed?

**[HB 2546](#) restricts minors' access to electronic cigarettes and prohibits the use of electronic cigarettes in public places and places of employment.**

- HB 2546 would require electronic cigarettes and their components to be sold in child-resistant safety packaging. It would also prohibit the use of cannabinoids and other substances in electronic cigarettes in public places and places of employment.
- With adoption of the -16 amendment, the legislature will review this law in 2019 to ensure Oregon continues to take emerging science, labeling, and national packaging standards into consideration.

#### Who is affected?

Electronic cigarettes are not included in the Indoor Clean Air Act (ICAA) and can be used in public places and places of employment.

- Allowing electronic cigarette use in places where smoking is prohibited could complicate enforcement of the ICAA and renormalize tobacco use
- Recent studies show when electronic cigarette users exhale they emit low levels of nicotine and particulate matter into the air
- Analyses of electronic cigarette samples found known carcinogens, and detectable levels of other toxic chemicals in first and second hand aerosol particles; including chemicals that are known to cause cancer and birth defects

Clean air— free of smoke, aerosol particles, and vapor— remains the standard to protect the health of bystanders, prevent tobacco and nicotine use initiation among children and youth, and encourage complete smoking cessation

**Join OPHA in support of HB 2546 with the -16 ammendment and Make your voice heard!**  
Please contact your state representative TODAY to ask for their “yes” vote on HB 2546 with the -16 ammendment. It’s quick but incredibly important. Here’s how:

**Identify your state representatives.** Find out who your representative is by entering your street address [HERE](#).

**Get their contact info.** Record their email addresses and capitol office phone numbers (for later reference!)

**Make contact!** Decide to email or call them, then do it!

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