

Testimony for SB 24

1. I support SB 24 because it would wisely ban sales of "electronic nicotine delivery systems" (e-cigarettes and e-liquid) without making the product less accessible or affordable to adult consumers.
2. I urge you to SUPPORT SB 24 as currently drafted and to reject any amendments that might be offered that would tax e-cigarettes, define them as a "tobacco product," ban their use, or otherwise make these life-saving products less accessible or affordable to adult consumers.
3.
 - Given the low risks of e-cigarette use, there is no reason for the State to do anything to make e-cigarettes less accessible, affordable, or attractive to adult consumers who are choosing to use e-cigarettes as a safer alternative to smoking, thereby reducing their health risks by an estimated 99%.
 - The low risk of e-cigarettes is supported by research done by Dr. Siegel of Boston University, Dr. Eissenberg of Virginia Commonwealth, Dr Maciej L Goniewicz of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Dr. Laugesen of Health New Zealand, Dr. Igor Burstyn of Drexel University, and by the fact that the FDA testing, in spite of its press statement, failed to find harmful levels of carcinogens or toxic levels of any chemical in the vapor.
 - A comprehensive review conducted by Dr. Igor Burstyn of Drexel University School of Public Health based on over 9,000 observations of e-cigarette liquid and vapor found "no apparent concern" for bystanders exposed to e-cigarette vapor, even under "worst case" assumptions about exposure.
 - By switching to a smokeless product, you have greatly reduced your health risks.
4. Please visit the CASAA.org website, as well as the CASAA Research Library, for more information.

Sincerely,

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