CLHO Legislative Committee Bill Recommendations –

In an attempt to be nimble during this legislative session we’ve set up a process of CLHO Legislative Committee meeting every two weeks with recommendations reviewed and approved by CLHO Executive Committee with review by CLHO Board at next meeting. Here are the last two meetings worth of positions on bills.

**Recommendations from Committee Meeting 1/27/2015 – APPROVED By CLHO Exec January 30, 2015 via emails.**

1. Expand our Funding request to align with our tobacco control partners and ask for $18 million total from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. This is $6 million above our approved funding requests ($4 million additional for TPEP and $2 million for grants to expand PE in schools).

Motion from the CLHO Legislative Committee - CLHO supports an additional funding request (as part of our overall package) of $6 million from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to align with partner's requests. **Please let me know if you support this request.**

2. Support a package of bills that have been introduced with positions and priorities.  #1 priorities are issues that have already been adopted by the CLHO Board (and have finally been assigned a bill number).  #2 priorities are important but are not currently on our legislative agenda. #3 priorities are bills we will take a position on but will not spend as much time on.

Bills Recommendations

HB2546 - E-Cigarettes bill - CLHO Leg Committee recommends support w/ #1 priority

SB 340 - E-Cigarettes bill - CLHO Leg Committee recommends support w/ #1 priority

HB 5039 -TMSA Budget Bill - CLHO Leg Committee recommends support w/ amendments position w/ #1 priority (this is the bill we will try and amend with our funding requests)

SB 5526 -OHA Budget Bill - CLHO Leg Committee recommends support w/ amendments position w/ #1 priority (this is the budget bill for the Public Health Division that we will work to get additional funds into).

HB 2160/ HB 2162 - Local tobacco tax preemption removal - CLHO Leg Committee recommends support w/ #2 priority for both bills

**Recommendations from Committee Meeting 2/12/2015 APPROVED BY CLHO Executive Committee via emails 2/16/2015**

**Tobacco Taxes (HB 2066, HB 2166 and HB 2555)**

Instead of a specific position on each bill we endorsed principles for tobacco taxes:

*Support tobacco taxes increases (priority level 3) using the following principles:*

* *$1 or greater*
* *Go to fund a greater % to TPEP*
* *Have corresponding increases to OTP*

**HB 2297 Evidenced Based Programs**

HB 2297 establishes a Task Force on Evidenced Based Programs for state prevention funds.

*Support HB 2297 with amendments including a local voice and a better definition of state prevention funds (priority level 3).*

**HB 2541 Blood Drive Safety (Oregon Nurses Association Bill)**

Requires nurse or other health professional to be present at blood drives.

*Support HB 2541 (priority level 3)*

**SB 415 Flavor Ban (Sen Laurie Monnes Anderson)**

SB 415 Prohibits distributing, selling or allowing to be sold flavored tobacco products or flavored inhalant delivery system products in this state.

*Support SB 415 (priority level 2)*

**SB 416 Smoke Shop (Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward)**

SB 416 requires payment of fee for smoke shop certification, renewal of smoke shop certification, transfer of smoke shop certification and relocation of smoke shop.

*Support SB 416 (priority level 2)*

**SB 417 Retail Licensure (Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward)**

Requires premises where person makes retail sales of tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems to be licensed by Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

*Support SB 417 (priority level 2)*

**SB 442 Immunization Bill (ESH)**

SB 442 will be amended to remove the non-medical exemption for vaccines.

*Support SB 442 (priority level 2)*

**SB 478 Toxics Free Kids (Oregon Environmental Council)**

Requires Oregon Health Authority to establish and maintain list of designated high priority chemicals of concern for children's health used in children's products and to periodically review and revise list

*Support SB 478 (priority level 3)*

**SB 520 Immunizations @ Pharmacies (Sen. Jeff Kruse)**

SB 520 would allow pharmacists to provide vaccines to children at least seven (from eleven)

*Support SB 520 (priority level 3) and make sure to get on the record need of pharmacists to enter information into registry.*