**Memorandum**

To: Coalition of Local Health Officials Board

From: Coalition of Local Health Officials Legislative Committee

Date: November 16, 2017

Subject: OAR 333-015: Standards for increasing the age to purchase tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems

**Background**

Senate Bill 754 raises the required minimum age for a person to legally buy or obtain tobacco products, inhalant delivery systems, and tobacco product devices, from 18 to 21, starting January 1, 2018. There is no violation for people ages 18, 19, or 20 to possess tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems. Store clerks and managers who sell tobacco products to people under the age of 21 will be fined between $50 and $250, but can reach $500 and $1000 after multiple offenses. Oregon is now the 5th state in the nation to raise the age to purchase tobacco to 21 years.

The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, is revising the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) for sales of tobacco and inhalant delivery systems to person under 21years of age. The amendments are being proposed to comply with statutory changes from the passage of SB 754.

**CLHO Recommendation**

CLHO supported the passage of SB 754 and CLHO staff would like to provide comment in support of the rules as introduced.