

# Tobacco Retail Licensure

## SB 1577A

2020

Please support SB 1577A which creates a statewide Tobacco Retail Licensure (TRL) to ensure that all retailers who engage in the sale of tobacco and e-cigarette products will be licensed by the Department of Revenue (DOR).

### Why does Oregon need a statewide Tobacco Retail License?

- **Compliance with Current Law:** Without a statewide retail license, compliance and enforcement of existing laws is difficult, and results in higher rates of underage tobacco sales in Oregon.
- **Fairness:** Tobacco retailers in Oregon should be required to secure a license just like retailers of other age restricted products. Oregon currently lacks a statewide license for all sellers of tobacco and inhalant delivery systems.
- **Supporting Local Businesses:** SB 1577A gives Local Public Health Authorities the authority to engage with local businesses to educate and train them to comply with the law.

### What does SB 1577A do?

#### License all businesses that sell tobacco and inhalant delivery system (e-cigarette) products:

- Requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to license all businesses that sell tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems, and to renew licenses annually.
- Requires that fees associated with the license are set in rule and not to exceed the costs of administration and enforcement of the license.

#### Enforcement:

- Allows the DOR to suspend, revoke or refuse to issue a tobacco retail license when violations of federal, state or local law, or for providing the DOR false information, occur. DOR may impose a civil penalty for violation of federal or state law.
- Allows the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to enforce state license; requires OHA to ensure one inspection per year and effective administration.
- Allows Local Public Health Authorities to enter into an agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to enforce state TRL standards within their jurisdiction.

#### Local Control:

- Local Public Health Authorities may:
  - a. Adopt an ordinance that requires additional standards for acquiring a tobacco retail license
  - b. Provide education and outreach to tobacco retailers regarding local, state and federal tobacco retail regulations
  - c. Impose a fee on retailers for administration, education and enforcement of a local standard
- Grandfathers in current cities and counties tobacco retail licensure.

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## SB 1577A Supporters

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*Tobacco Retail License is an evidence-based policy that will help Oregon enforce laws that prevent youth from developing dangerous addictions.*



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