

OREGON COALITION OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS: 2021 Legislative Priorities

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The Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO) works with and on behalf of the 33 local public health authorities in Oregon, who strive every day to prevent the spread of disease and to protect health in their communities. CLHO advocates for legislation and policies that promote health and well-being for all people in Oregon and all future generations.

THE OREGON COALITION OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS SUPPORT

PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION: \$68.9 MILLION BUDGET REQUEST



Public health modernization ensures basic protections critical to the health of all in Oregon and future generations.

A \$68.9 million biennial investment will continue the great work started in communicable disease control, health equity, and assessment and will expand the work into environmental health threats and emergency preparedness. This will allow the local public health system to be ready to protect and serve all Oregonians.

FAMILY CONNECTS UNIVERSALLY OFFERED HOME VISITING: \$5.1 MILLION BUDGET REQUEST



Universally offered home visiting by a public health nurse promotes safe and healthy environments during early childhood and creates the foundation for lifelong physical and mental well-being.¹⁻²

Investing an additional \$5.1 million for the biennium into Oregon's universally offered home visiting program, Family Connects, will continue the work started in 2019 by providing training and support to local partners. These partners can connect with all new parents giving Oregon families the support they need so all children can thrive.

TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSURE (TRL)



A statewide TRL would require all retailers of tobacco products and e-cigarettes to become licensed, just like retailers of other age-restricted products. Without TRL, tobacco control policies are challenging to enforce.³

Data show that most tobacco use begins during a person's teenage years.⁴⁻⁵ TRL allows for greater oversight and enforcement of tobacco control policies and protects young Oregonians, particularly BIPOC youth, from developing harmful habits.^{3, 6, 7}



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