**Background:**

During the pre-session and full session for 2015, the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention (HPCDP) Section will be providing regular, general updates on bills that we are tracking and analyzing related to tobacco, nutrition, physical activity, early detection and self-management.

Once the 2015 Legislature starts in February, HPCDP will send regular reports to the Conference of Local Health Officials Healthy Communities Committee and the Health Systems Committee to be posted on the CLHO website.

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 **Legislation expected during 2015 session in the House and/or Senate:**

* **Increase in tobacco taxes**

* **Tobacco Retail Licensure (TRL)** – We are expecting legislation to require tobacco retailers to obtain a license to sell tobacco.
* **Raise the minimum age for purchase of tobacco from 18 to 21**
* **E-cigarettes** ­ ­- An e-cigarette workgroup met during the spring and summer this year to discuss components of possible e-cigarette legislation. Based on those discussions, Representative-Elect Taylor is introducing a bill to include e-cigarettes (inhalant delivery systems) in most tobacco laws (sales to minors and inclusion in the Indoor Clean Air Act (ICAA)), except laws relating to tobacco taxes. It is likely that other e-cigarette-related legislation will also be introduced.
* **Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funding (TMSA)** **allocation**
* **Flavored Tobacco** – We are expecting a bill that would ban the sale of flavored tobacco products.