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Oregon House Passes Legislation to Ban Online Vape Sales

HB 2261 will reduce access to nicotine products for underage Oregonians

SALEM, OR—On Saturday, the Oregon House advanced legislation that would close online loopholes used by underage Oregonians to purchase electronic inhalant delivery systems, or vaping products.

[House Bill 2261](#), which passed the Oregon House this evening, will ban the sale of vaping products, and require a face-to-face purchase of these addictive products, making it more difficult for those under the age of 21 to attain them.

Recent reports have shown that in Oregon, e-cigarette use among underage Oregonians is on the rise. In 2019, more than one in every four high school students reported using e-cigarettes in the last 30 days.

“I got involved in this issue when high school students from my district contacted me and told me how easily their peers were getting access to these products online,” said [Representative Pam Marsh \(D-Southern Jackson County\)](#), a chief sponsor of the bill. “We all know vaping is bad for kids. The nicotine in these devices is highly addictive and can negatively impact developing brains. Closing this loophole is important for the health of young Oregonians and has the added benefit of keeping business for licensed Oregon tobacco and vape retailers in state.”

In 2017, the Oregon legislature passed [HB 3461](#), which banned online sales of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products. HB 2261 will bring policies around inhalant delivery systems in line with those policies. According to testimony given in committee by Oregon’s Attorney General, Ellen Rosenblum, 89% of youth who tried to purchase Juul (an electronic inhalant delivery system) online were successful.

House Bill 2261, which passed 44 to four, now goes to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

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