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**Oregon House Passes Bipartisan Bill To End Anti-Lunch Law For Employees**

*Legislation Establishes Fair Playing Field For Workers And Customers*

**Salem, OR** – A common-sense bipartisan bill that addresses unintended consequences stemming from the implementation of the Indoor Clean Air Act passed the Oregon House of Representatives today on a 58-1 vote. House Bill 2969, which allows workers of certified smoke shops to consume food and nonalcoholic beverages on site, corrects portions of the Indoor Clean Air Act which prohibited the presence of food or drinks in a place that sells tobacco, ultimately barring workers from eating lunch or drinking coffee or water at their place of employment.

“This bill rectifies some unintended consequences of a policy with good intentions,” said Representative Bill Post (R-Keizer), who chief sponsored HB 2969. “This is a common-sense bill that establishes a fair playing field for employees and customers.”

Along with Rep. Post, chief sponsors of the bill included House Republican Leader Mike McLane and House Majority Leader Val Hoyle. An additional bipartisan group of 29 legislators from both the House and the Senate sponsored the bill as well. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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