



Oregon Senate Republican Office

Oregon State Legislature, 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

503.986.1950

www.leg.state.or.us/senaterepublicans

facebook.com/ORSenateRepublicans

twitter.com/SenateGOPPERS

NEWS RELEASE

February 13, 2014

CONTACT: Michael Gay

(503) 986-1950

(503) 781-8559

Democrats refuse to ban "kiddie packaging" of pot products to children

Salem, OR - Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene), killed a proposal to prohibit packaging of medical marijuana products targeted towards children.

"We explicitly prohibit big tobacco from marketing cigarettes to kids, why should marijuana be any different?" said Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day). "This is a common sense safety issue, and the committee's action today puts our kids at risk."

Most states with medical marijuana dispensaries provide at least some basic regulation of THC-infused products that are marketed or attractive to kids. Oregon has none.

Examples of these products include "pot tarts," soda, cotton candy, gummi bears, and candy bars.

According to the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, marijuana use among kids can lead to academic difficulties, problems with memory and concentration, increased aggression and risk of psychosis.

The -3 amendment offered to SB 1531 would have provided the Oregon Health Authority with the ability to regulate the packaging of marijuana products. The amendment would also have prohibited marijuana dispensaries from locating within 1,000 feet of a school.

Prozanski indicated that rules to protect children "would be adopted later."

###