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Committee name

Committee on HB40, dated 3/12/15
Bill/Subject

I am here today in support of HB40, to ask that you treat e-cigarettes the same as traditional cigarettes in regard to secondhand smoke exposure. The vapor emitted by these devices has been proven to contain ultra-fine particles that, when inhaled, exacerbate respiratory issues such as asthma. The vapor is also known to contain chemicals such as benzene, cadmium and formaldehyde. Additionally, flavored vape juices, such as cotton candy and gummi bear, are specifically designed to entice youth into using them.
There was a time when the tobacco industry told us that secondhand smoke was harmless. We now know different. I am reluctant to trust them when they say that e-cigarettes and second hand aerosol are safe. Nobody should be unwillingly exposed to a substance that can harm them. I ask you to support HB40, because everyone deserves the right to breathe clean air.

Signed: [signature]
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I want to testify in favor of HB40 and the importance of treating electronic cigarettes the same as traditional cigarettes with regard to second-hand smoke. The "vapor" from an e-cigarette is not water vapor, but is in fact an aerosol that contains nicotine and toxic chemicals (CDC). It is not safe to smoke or inhale.

As a mother of two daughters, aged 11 and 14, I am horrified by the messages that they see in ads and in stores promoting e-cigarettes as safe. This simply is not true. We are in danger of the re-normalization of smoking with the emergence of these new products, and as leaders and decision makers in health care, we must send a clear message that "smoking" includes the use of electronic cigarettes.

Thank You.

Signed: Misty M. Jensen
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Committee on HB 40-an act relating to electronic cigarettes, dated March 12, 2015
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I support HB 40 and urge you to add electronic cigarettes to existing state law (AS 18.35.365) and treating electronic cigarettes the same as traditional cigarettes, with regard to tobacco use and secondhand smoke. Electronic cigarettes and other nicotine delivery devices contain many of the hazardous chemicals and carcinogens found in traditional cigarettes. As such, the vapor they emit poses the same public health risks as secondhand smoke and should be treated accordingly.

Signed: Becky Stoppa (Becky Stoppa)
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