

June 10, 2015

The Honorable Curtis King  
Senator 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District  
305 John A. Cherberg Building  
PO Box 40415  
Olympia, WA 98504-0415

Re: Clark County Board of Health's support for HB 1645

Dear Senator King,

The Clark County Board of Health is writing to inform you of its support for House Bill 1645. This bill, related to e-cigarettes and vaping products, would be beneficial by providing counties a regulatory environment to safeguard children from acquiring and using vapor products.

Specifically, the Clark County Board of Health supports creation of a statutory framework for regulation of commerce in vapor products, particularly those provisions intended to prevent minors from having access to them.

Regarding House Bill 2211, we think a 60 percent tax on vaping products would be anti-business, and therefore, we cannot support the bill. However, if it does pass, we request that a minimum of 40 percent of any revenue generated by a vaping product tax be reinvested in local public health systems to support essential public health services.

Again, we respectfully request your support of HB 1645 to help keep vaping products out of the hands of minors.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Clark County Board of Health at (360) 397-2232 or its Olympia representative, Mike Burgess, at (360) 223-3020.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Madore, Chair

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

Tom Mielke, Councilor