



SUPPORT SB 3174 Prohibit Sale of Nicotine Products Not Approved by FDA Including Electronic Cigarettes

- **SB 3174 amends the Tobacco Accessories and Smoking Herbs Act.**
- **SB 3174 protects the public from products manufactured with no FDA oversight of their contents, safety and marketing.**

The Food and Drug Administration has authority to regulate the manufacturing, marketing and sales of tobacco products. The makers of electronic or e-cigarettes have been aggressively marketing their product as a safe alternative to cigarettes or as a smoking cessation device with no scientific evidence to back up these claims.

SB 3174 protects the public from these and other nicotine delivery devices that are not regulated by the FDA.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered nicotine inhalation devices made in China. The manufacturers claim to deliver nicotine to the user through a propylene glycol solution. Currently, they are being sold at retail outlets, including kiosks at malls across the United States, as well as online, easily accessible to children and teens.

Manufacturers and retailers of these products have been making unproven statements about their products, claiming that they are safe or safer than traditional cigarettes, and asserting that they can help people quit smoking.

- **There is no scientific evidence that e-cigarettes are safer for consumers than regular tobacco products.**
- **Many e-cigarettes are being enhanced with bubble gum and fruit flavors, which are attractive to teens.**
- **There is no scientific evidence that e-cigarettes can help smokers quit.** It would be dishonest to let smokers think they are making a positive change by switching to these products rather than quitting.

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