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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Tara Weston, MPH  
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RE: Notice of proposed rulemaking: OAR chapter 333, division 15, "Regulating the retail sale of tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems"

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The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention section is proposing to permanently adopt, amend and repeal Oregon Administrative Rules in chapter 333, division 15 pertaining to the regulation of the retail sale of tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems.

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 587, also known as Oregon Laws 2021, Chapter 586. This bill requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in partnership with the Department of Revenue (DOR), to establish a new statewide tobacco retail license program, requiring retailers to get a license to sell tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems starting on January 1, 2022. These rules describe how OHA will administer a tobacco retail license program and enforce state laws and rules and federal laws and regulations that govern the retail sale of tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems.

You are being invited to review these proposed rules and to comment on them. If you wish to present oral testimony, a public hearing will be held remotely via video/teleconference using Zoom on **January 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** To provide oral testimony during this hearing, please contact [publichealth.rules@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:publichealth.rules@dhsosha.state.or.us) to sign-up and receive the link for the Zoom video conference.

You may also file written comments before **5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2022** to the Public Health Division Rules Coordinator at the following address:

OHA, Public Health Division  
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**Email comments to:** [publichealth.rules@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:publichealth.rules@dhsosha.state.or.us) or you may also send comments by fax to: (971) 673-1299.

Final rules will be filed after consideration of all comments.

To review the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including the Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact and the full text of the proposed rules, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/TOBACCOPREVENTION/Pages/state-rules-and-statutes.aspx>.

If you would like more information about the Tobacco Retail License Program or have questions about the rules, please contact Tara Weston at [tara.e.weston@dhs.oh.state.or.us](mailto:tara.e.weston@dhs.oh.state.or.us).