

**Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022 - 3:00 P.M.**

**TESTIMONY ON: S 1285**

**Registered Testifiers (Testimony)**

<b>Name (First &amp; Last)</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Written Testimony</b>
Erin Bennett	Boise	

SB 1285 removes the local authority needed for communities to respond to unique challenges they may face in the fight against tobacco and nicotine addiction. Currently, there are few, if any, rules regarding the marketing, advertising, and distribution of electronic cigarettes, as they do not fall under the provisions of the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement other tobacco products are subject to. Removing the ability of local elected officials to be able to include electronic products in current ordinances would create a less uniform system, defeating the purpose the sponsor intends. We agree that all tobacco products should be treated equally to ensure consistent compliance and enforcement to ensure youth do not have easy access to these addicting products, however, removing the local authority to do so, without strengthening the number of state and federal provisions that cigarettes and some tobacco products are required to adhere to, simply creates more confusion, without addressing the problem of rising youth tobacco and nicotine addiction. This will simply remove the ability to address local challenges, without creating an equal and fair playing field for all tobacco products.

Liz Hatter	Boidr	
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