



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 1/11/2016)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/13/17  
Agenda Item #: R.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:40 am  
Date Submitted: 3/31/17

**Agenda Title:** **Board Briefing on Tobacco 21.**

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 13, 2017 **Time Needed:** 45 minutes  
**Department:** Health **Division:** Public Health  
**Contact(s):** Joanne Fuller  
**Phone:** 503-988-5599 **Ext.** 85599 **I/O Address:** 160/8  
**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Joanne Fuller, Health Department Director; Rachael Banks, Deputy Public Health Director; and Jae Douglas, Environmental Health Services Director

## General Information

### 1. What are you requesting from the Board?

Nothing at this time.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

On March 23rd, 2017, the health department provided a briefing to the board with a TRL program update. In response, the board requested the health department come back to do a briefing on raising the minimum legal sales age to 21.

This is an informational briefing to the board to provide an overview on raising the minimum legal sales age of tobacco to 21 (T-21). The presenters will discuss the potential public health implications of raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco to 21; provide an overview of national and local jurisdictions who have passed T-21, discuss equity considerations; and provide an overview of what community and stakeholder engagement could look like in Multnomah County.

A new policy regarding the tobacco sales age could complement the County's recently adopted tobacco retail licensing program, which is aimed at improving compliance with federal, state and local laws and to reduce youth access to tobacco. The tobacco retail licensing program provides an effective means of enforcing the minimum legal sales age.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

None.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

Multnomah County can regulate tobacco sales using its constitutional home rule authority and its authority as the Local Public Health Authority. Increasing the minimum legal sales age for tobacco would be compatible with, but more restrictive than, state law.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

When the County passed Tobacco Retail Licensing, the County also received comments from the community about wanting to raise the minimum legal sales age of tobacco to 21. Should the board consider such a policy, we anticipate there will be a considerable amount of community engagement on the issue.

---

**Required Signature**

---

**Elected Official**

**or Department/**

**Agency Director:**

David Hidalgo /s/ Acting Director, Health  
Department

3-31-17

**Date:**

---

*Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved for submittal.*