

**JOINT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING LOCAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENTS TO SET LICENSING RULES**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jennifer Dailey-Provost

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution encourages local boards of health to enact regulations to limit the number of tobacco retail permits the local health department may issue.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- highlights the adverse health effects of electronic cigarette use in youth; and
- encourages local boards of health to enact regulations that limit the number of tobacco retail permits the local health department may issue.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Surgeon General of the United States issued an advisory on electronic cigarette use among youth, calling the rise in youth electronic cigarette use an epidemic;

WHEREAS, in addition to nicotine exposure, the aerosol and flavoring that electronic cigarette users inhale can expose them to other harmful substances, including heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, and ultrafine particles;

WHEREAS, nicotine exposure during adolescence can harm the developing brain and



28 impact memory, learning, and attention;

29 WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of 15-24 year-olds surveyed did not know that
30 electronic cigarettes contained nicotine;

31 WHEREAS, the use of electronic cigarettes among Utah high school students increased
32 from 5.8% in 2013 to 11.1% in 2017;

33 WHEREAS, in 2017, 32.1% of high school seniors had tried an electronic cigarette;

34 WHEREAS, there is substantial evidence that youth who use electronic cigarettes are
35 four times more likely to become traditional cigarette users;

36 WHEREAS, in 2017, nearly 10% of Utah students reported that they bought electronic
37 cigarette products in vape shops and an additional 8.6% bought electronic cigarette products in
38 other stores, tobacco specialty shops, or on the Internet;

39 WHEREAS, higher densities of tobacco retailer stores increase the likelihood of a
40 minor's ability to access electronic cigarettes and other nicotine and tobacco products; and

41 WHEREAS, in 2019, Summit County enacted an ordinance to limit the total number of
42 tobacco retail permits issued by the local health department to a level that is appropriate and
43 meaningful for its jurisdiction:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
45 encourages local boards of health to enact regulations to limit the number of tobacco retail
46 permits local health departments may issue.