

Executive Summary: Health Impact Review of SB 6254

SB 6254, Protecting public health and safety by enhancing the regulation of vapor products (2020 Legislative Session)

Evidence indicates that [SB 6254](#) would likely decrease initiation and use of vapor products and other tobacco products among youth and young adults, thereby improving health outcomes. It is unclear how the bill would impact health inequities.

BILL INFORMATION

Sponsors: Kuderer, Cleveland, Wilson, C., Carlyle, Das, Darneille

By Request: Governor Inslee

Summary of Bill:

Full details about the provisions of this bill can be found in the bill text linked above. Given the large number of provisions, the summary only highlights sections relevant to this review.

- Prohibits retailers, manufacturers, delivery sellers, or distributors licensed under Chapter [70.345 RCW](#) (Vapor Products) from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale flavored vapor products, or any product they know or reasonably should know will be used with or in a vapor product to create a flavored vapor product.

HEALTH IMPACT REVIEW

Summary of Findings:

This Health Impact Review found the following evidence for relevant provisions in SB 6254:

- **Very strong evidence** that prohibiting the sale of flavored vapor products will likely decrease initiation and use of vapor products among adolescents and young adults.
- **Very strong evidence** that decreasing initiation and use of vapor products among adolescents and young adults will likely decrease initiation and use of tobacco products among these populations.
- **Very strong evidence** that decreasing use of vapor products among adolescents and young adults will likely improve health outcomes.
- **Very strong evidence** that decreasing use of tobacco products among adolescents and young adults will improve health outcomes.
- **Unclear evidence** of the bill's impacts on health inequities. Other factors may influence how this bill impacts inequities such as access to flavored vapor products on tribal lands and military bases and use of other flavored tobacco products. These factors are analyzed in more detail in the full Health Impact Review.

FULL REVIEW

For review methods, logic model, strength-of-evidence analyses, and citations of empirical evidence refer to the full Health Impact Review at:

<https://sboh.wa.gov/Portals/7/Doc/HealthImpactReviews/HIR-2020-11-SB6254.pdf>

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