

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB710**

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**Chairperson: Senator Lou Ann Linehan**

**Committee: Revenue**

**Date of Hearing: February 28, 2019**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 710 would increase the tax on a variety of tobacco products. The increase on cigarettes would be from \$0.64 to \$2.14 per pack. The increase on all other tobacco products would be from 20% to 65%.

LB 710 would also include changes to incorporate vaping and other electronic smoking devices into the tobacco products tax. Some of the increased revenues from the taxes would go to the General Fund and the majority of the increased revenues would go into the Health Care Cash Fund with funding priorities for Medicaid expansion, other health care needs, smoking cessation, and education.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh