Background

- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Approved Summer 2013 (Tobacco Priority)
- Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) identified as a policy that can effectively reduce youth access
- October, 2014 Board includes TRL in County Strategic Plan
- December, 2014 Board adopts Tobacco Retail License Program
- May 2015, Board receives implementation update and requests options for amendments
1. Coupons and Price Discounts

- Current code (LC 9.753(k)-(n) prohibits honoring or accepting discounts and coupons for tobacco purchase
- Amendment would delete the above sections
2. Proximity to Schools and Grandfathering Language

- Current code (LC 9754(1)) prohibits new tobacco retailers within 1,000 ft of establishments serving children; allows current retailers to be licensed through “grandfather” clause; prohibits licenses from being transferred to new owners upon sale of store.
- Amendment would limit restriction to 1,000 ft of schools only and allows all current locations to be grandfathered (not just the current retailer)
Community Education

- Current code (LC 9.766) allows for revenue from the license fee to pay for "tobacco retailer and community education" (among other program expenses)
- Amendment would delete the words "and community"
Fines and Penalties

- Current code (LC 9.770(1), LC 9.772, and LC 9.774(2) establishes a schedule of fines and suspensions according to a 5 year look-back period.
- Amendment would shorten look-back period to 24 months, revise fines and suspension schedule to mirror OLCC, and reference penalties for clerks.
Questions