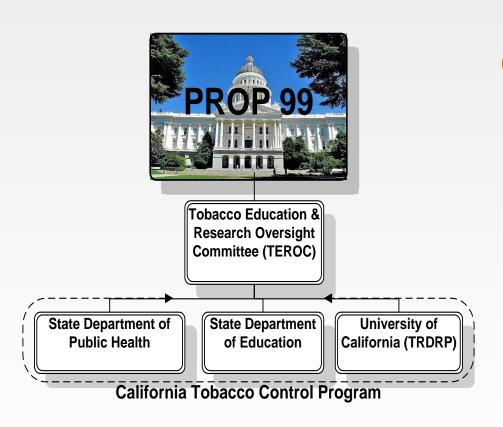
# E-Cigarettes: Informing Tax Policy and Research in California

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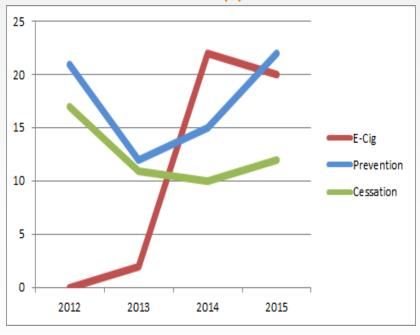
#### Our Mission:

To mitigate the impact of tobacco-related illness by funding research that enhances understanding of tobacco use, prevention and cessation, the social, economic and policyrelated aspects of tobacco use, and tobacco-related diseases in California.

#### Recent Developments with E-Cigarettes

- Increased promotion, marketing, and uptake of e-cigarettes
- Intensified demand for public health and regulatory action
  - Increased demand on all Prop 99 agencies for information and policy development
- Increased demand for TRDRP grants for e-cigarette research
  - 25% of proposals recommended for funding in current cycle
  - \$2,368,789 (30%) of proposed commitment to new research grants in current cycle

#### **TRDRP Applications**





#### **Purpose:**

#### Convening on E-Cigarette Tax Policy and Research

- Initiate a discussion in California about state and local issues surrounding the taxation of e-cigarettes
  - Implications for youth and non-smoker uptake
  - Implications for revenue directed towards supporting the state's tobacco control efforts necessitated by e-cigarettes
- Review the current status of e-cigarette taxation policies and implementation approaches
  - At least 30 US states considering some form of taxation in 2014
- Explore any research needs surrounding e-cigarette taxation and the potential nature of TRDRP support for such research



## **Looking Ahead:**

### E-Cigarette Taxation Policy in California

- Meeting Summary
- TRDRP Funding Opportunity
- Dissemination of Proceedings and E-Cigarette Research for State and Local Policy Development

