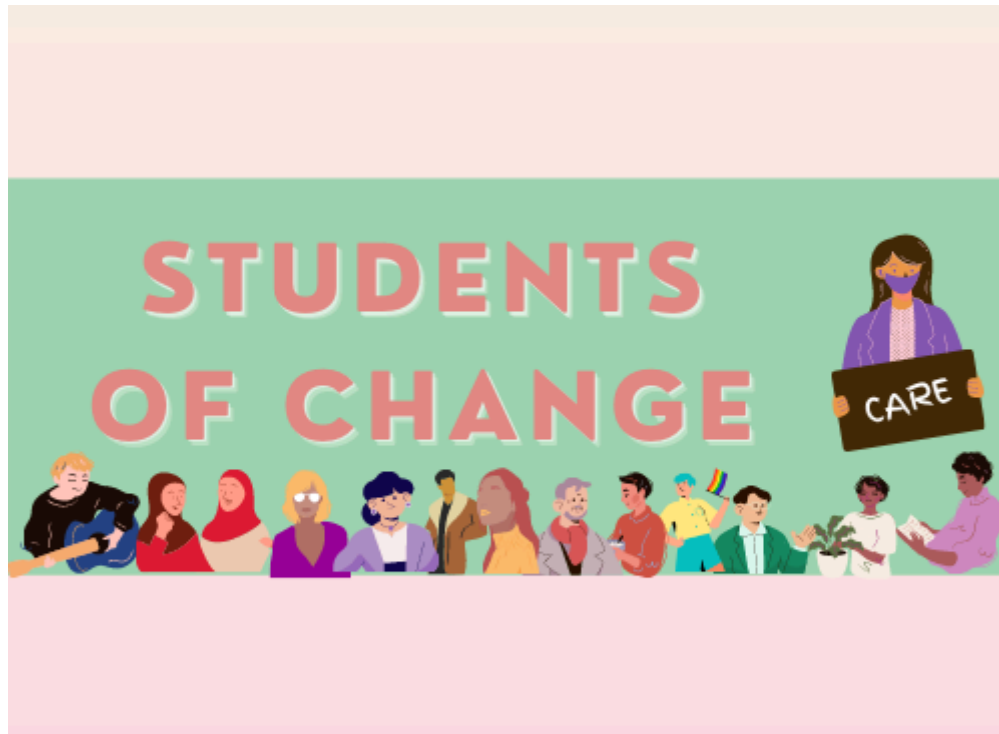


Students of Change's Secondhand Smoke Law



Started, led, and will be presented in government by high school students

Why is a smoke-free law in a vehicle important?

Secondhand smoke in a vehicle is more dangerous because there is a **small area volume**.

This means that carcinogens (cancer-causing particles) and other **chemicals in tobacco smoke will spread at a much faster rate**. There will also be a much higher concentration of these chemicals in the vehicle. To show you exactly how dangerous it is, according to the CDC, **the amount of carcinogens** (particles that cause cancer) in the air from one cigarette with the windows down is **100 times the recommended limit**.

This is serious. **The number of chemicals in a vehicle is much higher compared to the number of chemicals produced by cigarettes in restaurants and bars**. However, restaurants and bars already have smoke-free policies in place.

How is this bill enforced?

The enforcement plan is all **based on education and spreading addiction resources**—it's not about punishment. You only need to do two things if you are caught in violation of the law. You will have to **read through a packet of health resources** and brochures **that we mail you**. The resources will **contain information on the health effects** of smoking on different topics related

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to different types of smoking. This information is factual and reliable as it's all from verified health organizations like the Tobacco Control Network, the CDC, and hopefully organizations like the American Lung Association, American Heart Association, and the American Cancer Society.

The packet will also **contain free or inexpensive addiction resources that they can share with others or use for themselves**. After you read through the information you would have to **fill out two tests** which ensure you've read the content. You then send the tests back within three weeks.

No one can be pulled over if you were caught doing this action. However, if you were caught for doing something else, like speeding, and you were also smoking in a vehicle while a minor is present, you will be checked off for this action. If you're doing this activity with your car parked, only then you can be approached and ticked off.

Will this law unfairly hurt disadvantaged communities?

No, it will not. We are an advocacy group, and we support and want to lift the voices of people of color, the LGBTQIA+ community, and low-income people.

The law's goals are to educate others, reduce misconceptions, spread free or inexpensive addiction resources, and protect kids from the health risks of smoking in vehicles. We are currently trying to reach out to as many people who can say if this bill will have any unfair effects, and we will gather their feedback on it and adapt the bill accordingly.

Please note that if you have concerns about the bill not being equitable, then just let us know at @Studentsofchange on Instagram or by emailing one of our co-founders at zjamshed.76@gmail.com. We want to make this as fair as possible.

Will the bill intrude on people's personal property rights?

In a way it will, but no one should be able to put kids at risk of increased chances for severe health conditions, especially since kids are already more vulnerable to secondhand smoke. It's simply incorrect for a parent or other adults to do that.

Kids often don't have the power to say no either, which means they have to accept all the negative health consequences that come from smoking in a vehicle. Furthermore, Some adults will smoke if their child already has a pre-existing health condition. Some health conditions like asthma or lung diseases can be seriously triggered through smoking a vehicle which can have an enormous impact on the child itself. But not all children can protect themselves from these

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effects. Please note that adults can still smoke when they are by themselves or with other adults because that's everyone's free choice, but they cannot smoke with minors present.