

California: Tobacco Education & Research Oversight Committee

The Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC) is a legislatively mandated committee (California Health and Safety Code Sections 104365-104370) that:

- Advises the California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Education, and the University of California regarding the administration of Proposition 99 (California tobacco tax) funded programs;
- Publishes a Master Plan to guide California tobacco control efforts, tobacco use prevention education, and tobacco-related disease research;
- Makes programmatic and budgetary recommendations to the California Legislature pertaining to California tobacco control efforts; and
- Monitors the use of Proposition 99 tobacco tax revenues for tobacco control and prevention education and for tobacco-related research.

TEROC is composed of 13 members who receive no salary but are paid for costs related to attending committee meetings. By law, the Governor appoints eight members, the Speaker of the Assembly appoints two, the Senate Rules Committee appoints two, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction appoints one.

Members to be appointed as follows:

- Two members representing volunteer health organizations dedicated to the reduction of tobacco use appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
- One member representing an organization that represents health care employees appointed by the Senate Rules Committee.
- One member of a professional education association, such as an association of teachers, appointed by the Senate Rules Committee.
- One member of a university facility with expertise in programs intended to reduce tobacco use appointed by the Governor.
- Two representatives of a target population group appointed by the Governor.
- One representative of the department appointed by the Governor.
- One representative of the State Department of Education appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- One member representing the interests of the general public appointed by the Governor.
- One representative of local health departments appointed by the Governor.
- One member representing a volunteer health organization dedicated to the reduction of tobacco associated injury appointed by the Governor.
- One member from the Tobacco Related Disease Research Program appointed by the Governor.

TEROC Website:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/boards/teroc/Pages/default.aspx>