



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HR-05.03

### “Resolution to support Oregon HB 4094”

**WHEREAS** Oregon House Bill 4094 amends ORS 471.430 and “Creates defense to possession of alcohol by person under 21 years of age if evidence of offense resulted from persons having sought medical assistance for alcohol poisoning.”

**WHEREAS** This legislation, if passed, would provide amnesty to the individual calling for medical attention and the person receiving medical attention.

**WHEREAS** Eighteen (18) other states have implemented Medical Amnesty, Good Samaritan, or similar policies, many of which pertain specifically to usage of alcohol and,

**WHEREAS** Those states include: Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Texas, North Carolina, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Colorado, New York, California, North Dakota, Delaware, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Washington, D.C.

**WHEREAS** Alcohol-related unintentional injuries are a leading cause of death among young people in the United States. 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries and 599,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol each year.

**WHEREAS** A Cornell University study has concluded that similar policies have increased calls to Emergency Medical Services by 45%

**WHEREAS** This legislation, as proposed, does not protect individuals from persecution for other alcohol related offenses including driving under the influence (DUI), disorderly conduct, property damage, and assault.

**WHEREAS** It is imperative to increase the likelihood that an individual will call for help in alcohol related emergencies and thus prevent health consequences.

**WHEREAS** Oregon HB 4094 is fully compliant with the Drug-Free Schools and Community Act,

**WHEREAS** There is, to date, no documented evidence that enacting such policies increase the use of drugs or alcohol,

**WHEREAS** An online poll conducted by *The Oregonian* showed that nearly 90% of those who responded answered yes when asked if Oregon should provided medical amnesty for underage drinkers seeking medical attention.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:**

The Associated Students of Oregon State University fully endorses and supports Oregon House Bill 4094.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:**

Upon passage, the ASOSU Legislative Clerk will send a signed copy of HR 05.03 to Oregon State Representative Margaret Doherty, Benton County District Attorney John M. Haroldson, and Benton County Deputy District Attorney David J. Amesbury.

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