



Support SB 1066 (Senator Adelson/Rep. Peters) Social Host Law

Problem: Kids and booze don't mix

- Alcohol is the primary contributor to the leading causes of teen death.
- Underage drinkers annually consume 20% of all alcohol sold in Oklahoma.
- Among 9th-12th graders:
 - The most common place to drink is in someone's home.
 - Those who drink in large groups are more likely to have 5 or more drinks at one time.

Contributing factors: Parents and other adults who host drinking parties

- Adults are the most common source of alcohol for underage drinkers
- Adolescents get "mixed messages" and assume drinking is okay

Evidence based strategy: Social Host Laws

Social host laws hold non-commercial suppliers of alcohol responsible for the underage drinker. Consider this:

It is illegal for a minor to buy or consume beer or alcohol.

It is illegal for an adult to sell or serve beer or alcohol to a minor.

*Why should it be legal for an adult to **give** beer or alcohol to a minor?*

Last year, the Oklahoma Legislature passed a Social Host law that made it illegal to give any alcoholic beverage or controlled dangerous substance to a minor. Low-point beer – the favorite drink for teenagers – got left out!

SB 1066 adds low-point beer to Oklahoma's Social Host Law, to help prevent the terrible consequences of underage drinking.

SB 1066 is a recommendation of the Governor's Task Force on Underage Drinking, and is endorsed by the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy and the Oklahoma Prevention Policy Alliance.