



Support SB 1530: Social Host Law (Senator Leftwich / Rep. Worthen)

Problem: Kids and booze don't mix

- Alcohol is the primary contributor to the leading causes of teen death: auto accidents, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide.
- 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

In 2006, the Oklahoma Legislature passed a Social Host law that made it illegal to give any alcoholic beverage or controlled dangerous substance to a minor. Yet low-point beer – the favorite drink for teenagers – was left out, and penalties were applied *only* if a child died or suffered great bodily injury.

SB 1530 adds low-point beer to Oklahoma's Social Host Law, to help prevent the terrible consequences of underage drinking.

SB 1530 adds graduated penalties to hold adults accountable for their actions.

- First offense: misdemeanor (\$500 fine and/or up to 1 year in county jail)
- Second offense: misdemeanor (\$2,500 fine and/or up to 1 year in county jail)
- Third / subsequent offense: felony (\$5,000 fine and / or 5 years in DOC)

SB 1530 is a recommendation of the Governor's Task Force on Underage Drinking, and is endorsed by the Oklahoma Prevention Policy Alliance.

SB 1530 is part of the **2008 Children's Agenda** advanced by the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy.
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The following Oklahoma cities have adopted Social Host ordinances to prohibit parents and other adults from hosting drinking parties for teenagers:

Moore

Edmond

Tulsa

Midwest City

Mustang

McAlester

Shawnee

Tecumseh

Elgin

Clinton

Duncan

Enid

Owasso

Ponca City

Laverne

Yukon

Weatherford

Bixby

Broken Arrow

Buffalo

Alva

Elk City

Kingfisher

Arnett

***The Norman City Council has recently opened discussion about a Social Host Ordinance.**