

SENATE RESOLUTION #1585

Title: Twenty-one Drinking Age

Introduced: December 1, 1987

Thesis: This establishes the ASUW in opposition to the raising of the nineteen drinking age.

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1. Whereas raising the state drinking age to 21 would not change overall
2. consumption, and whereas establishing the state drinking age to 21 will
3. simply shift drinking from supervised college and community drinking
4. situations to unregulated, underground activities, and whereas studies
5. have shown that young problem drinkers will obtain alcoholic beverages
6. regardless of the law, and whereas a thorough National Highway Transpor-
7. tation and Safety Administration report shows that alcohol plays a role
8. in a greater percentage of fatal accidents in the 21-year-old, the 22-
9. 24-year-old, and the 24-44-year-old age groups than in the 16-17-year-
10. old, and the 18-19-year-old, and the 20-year-old age categories, and
11. whereas nationwide, 99% of those under 21 have never been convicted of
12. a drunk driving violation, and whereas states that have raised their
13. drinking ages have experienced a rise in alcohol-related auto deaths
14. among young adults (Minnesota, Massachusetts, and Florida), and whereas
15. a hike in the drinking age in Wyoming would not only arbitrarily dis-
16. criminate against and punish young adults as a group, it would also prove
17. particularly unfair to women, who are responsible for a disproportionately
18. small percentage of alcohol-related auto accidents and fatalities in all
19. age groups, and whereas the federal government's attempt to deny highway
20. funding for states who refuse to raise their drinking age amounts to no-
21. thing more than blackmail and is a violation of federal jurisdiction,

22. therefore, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the Univer-
23. sity of Wyoming opposes the raising of the drinking age in Wyoming and
24. calls upon the Wyoming State Legislature to maintain the drinking age
25. at 19.

Referred to: Consumer and Student Living Committees

Date of Passage: _____ Signed: _____

ASUW Chairperson

"Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto
and approve this Senate action."

ASUW President

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