

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 858

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND RURAL HEALTH POLICY

April 29

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, delete “; and appropriating money”.

2 After line 2, insert:

3 “Whereas nearly 29 percent of Oregon’s eighth-graders and more than 46 percent of Oregon’s  
4 eleventh-graders reported regular alcohol use last year, and nearly 38,000 youths in Oregon may  
5 have a serious alcohol problem; and

6 “Whereas young people in Oregon who begin drinking alcoholic beverages before 15 years of  
7 age are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at 21  
8 years of age or later; and

9 “Whereas the younger a person is when the person starts drinking alcoholic beverages, the more  
10 likely the person is to become alcoholic; and

11 “Whereas alcohol is the most frequently used drug by high school and middle school students  
12 in Oregon; and

13 “Whereas the brain goes through dynamic changes in adolescence and alcohol can seriously  
14 damage long-term and short-term growth processes; and

15 “Whereas alcohol use is the leading cause of death among youths and contributes substantially  
16 to motor vehicle crashes, traumatic injuries, suicides and family and school problems among ado-  
17 lescents; and

18 “Whereas alcohol is a factor in two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and  
19 college students and contributes to unprotected sex among youths, increasing their risk of con-  
20 tracting human immunodeficiency virus or other sexually transmitted diseases; now, therefore,”.

21 In line 4, before “The” insert “Subject to the availability of funds dedicated to the purpose,”.

22 In line 7, before “The” insert “Subject to the availability of funds dedicated to the purpose,”.

23 Delete lines 10 through 17 and insert:

24 “**SECTION 3. The State Board of Education, the Department of Education and the De-**  
25 **partment of Human Services shall work collaboratively to develop methods for:**

26 “(1) **Ensuring that district school boards and schools in this state comply with ORS**  
27 **336.222 and the rules adopted by the State Board of Education relating to underage alcohol**  
28 **use prevention; and**

29 “(2) **Working with schools and their local communities to implement effective strategies**  
30 **for preventing underage alcohol use.”.**

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