

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 26

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A Resolution supporting Senate Bill 1640; urging expeditious committee and floor consideration; and affirming the Senate's commitment to enforcing its rules and the Oklahoma Constitution by condemning intoxication during session.

WHEREAS, Senate Rule 5-5 D. of the Standing Rules of the Senate for the 60th Oklahoma Legislature (2025-2026) prohibits the consumption of alcohol in the chamber and mandates removal by security personnel of any member in an intoxicated state; and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 11 of the Oklahoma Constitution declares that "Drunkenness and the excessive use of intoxicating liquors while in office shall constitute sufficient cause for impeachment or removal therefrom"; and

WHEREAS, incidents during the 2025 legislative session highlighted apparent violations of these provisions, with no enforcement action taken; and

WHEREAS, Senator Shane Jett has introduced Senate Bill 1640 to strengthen prohibitions on alcohol consumption or possession by

1 lawmakers while on duty in the Capitol, including provisions for
2 Breathalyzer testing, escalating penalties (fines, expulsion,
3 mandatory treatment), ethics referrals, and accountability for
4 leadership failing to act; and

5 WHEREAS, swift passage of such measures would demonstrate the
6 Senate's unwavering commitment to sobriety, accountability, and
7 adherence to its own rules and the Oklahoma Constitution.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
9 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

10 THAT the Senate strongly supports Senate Bill 1640 as a
11 necessary step to reinforce existing rules and constitutional
12 standards prohibiting intoxication during official duties.

13 THAT the Senate urges the appropriate committee(s) to grant
14 Senate Bill 1640 a hearing at the earliest possible date, and calls
15 for expeditious floor consideration and passage to affirm that the
16 Oklahoma State Senate stands firmly by its rules and the Oklahoma
17 Constitution.

18 THAT the Senate condemns intoxication in the chamber during
19 session as incompatible with the dignity and responsibility of
20 legislative service and reaffirms its expectation of sober,
21 professional conduct by all members.

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