

In an effort to reduce pot use

House eyes paraphernalia bills

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SALEM — Oregon was the first state to decriminalize marijuana, but some legislators would like to control the drug's use by restricting devices used to smoke marijuana.

Two house bills would make it a crime to sell paraphernalia to people under 21, and one would make it illegal to let an under-21 minor on the premises where the devices are sold.

A third bill would make it illegal to possess the



paraphernalia.

One bill, HB 2422, was introduced at the request of

PEACE, a Lane County organization dedicated to legalizing marijuana cultivation.

In addition to prohibiting the sale of the devices to minors, the bill also allows those over twenty-one to have three marijuana plants and up to an ounce of marijuana if they are licensed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The bill sets the license fee at \$20 per year.

Another bill, sponsored by Rep. Billy Bellamy, R-Culver, has similar anti-paraphernalia provisions, but doesn't legalize cultivation.

A third proposal would make it illegal for anyone to possess any device with the intent to use it to "inject, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance."

Each bill defines

paraphernalia differently. The first, HB 2422, list many types of paraphernalia, including pipes, masks, and roach clips.

The second defines paraphernalia as "equipment, products and materials designed or intended for use in consuming drugs."

It also prohibits the sale to minors of pipes designed to smoke marijuana.

The third bill instructs Oregon court's to consider 14 extenuating circumstances — such as the owner's criminal record and the proximity of the object to drugs.

The bills have been referred to the Committee on Judiciary and have not yet been the subject of a public hearing.

IFC gives Crisis Center raise

The Incidental Fee Committee had no qualms about funding the University Crisis Center Wednesday night.

Accepting ASUO Pres. Dave Eaton's recommendation, the IFC gave the center \$7,290 for the coming year, a \$2500 increase from last year.

Eaton said the center has staff members trained to deal with the special problems of

University students.

It's also important that 24-hour service remain available at the center, Eaton added.

"We're getting away cheap if a student's life can be saved."

Another group wasn't as lucky as the crisis center. The Psychology Clinic asked for \$1,861 but received only \$382.

The clinic requested most of

the funds — \$1,404 — to enhance the quality of the clinic without having to charge students more than \$3 per counseling session.

But IFC member Richard Sontag suggested the clinic raise its prices since psychiatrists are charging "50 bucks an hour downtown."

The offset fee was defeated unanimously.

In other business, Legal Services was allotted \$30,061. Much of Legal Services' budget goes toward paying a part-time attorney's salary.

The Gay People's Alliance received \$3,089 and the University YMCA was allocated \$721, a \$10 decrease from last year.

The Eugene Switchboard's budget will be \$2,642.

Editor rips proposed bill

SALEM (AP) — A Eugene newspaper editor says a bill proposed by the state labor commissioner is a "brutal assault on the integrity and the intent of the public records law."

The measure (SB216) would amend Oregon's public records law to require that names of parties filing civil rights complaints be withheld until the complaint was resolved or until charges were issued.

Commissioner Mary Wendy Roberts told the Senate Justice Committee Wednesday night that the bill would help her office settle civil rights complaints by conciliation rather than legal action. She said disclosure of complaints and publicity about them could polarize the parties.

"Premature public disclosure obviously hampers an inves-

tigation — but (it also hampers) a settlement in which guilt is not stipulated but an agreement is reached," she testified.

She said the proposed law would not prevent the parties in a civil rights dispute from going to the media and discussing it.

Barrie Hartman, managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, urged the Justice Committee to throw the bill "on the scrap heap of well-intentioned but bad-for-Oregon legislation."

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