

# Washington senate passes drunken driving bills



OLYMPIA (AP) — The Senate passed a pair of bills aimed at cracking down on drunken driving Monday.

A Senate bill that would use a lower blood-alcohol level to determine when a person is driving drunk still faces opposition in the state House, says Rep. Marlin Appelwick, D-Seattle.

One of the measures passed by the Senate, SB6046, would make a third offense for drunken driving a felony. It was approved unanimously. A companion measure, SB6047, would lower from .10 to .08 the legal blood-alcohol limit to determine drunken driving. It passed 39-8.

The second measure also would stiffen penalties for drivers whose blood-alcohol level is greater than .15, and provide for automatic 90-day license suspensions for people who fail or refuse to take a breath test.

Appelwick chairs the House Judiciary Committee, which must approve the bills

before they move on to the full House in their Senate form.

Appelwick said that simply lowering the threshold for determining intoxication would significantly add to already overcrowded court dockets.

SB6047 also faced some opposition on the Senate floor.

"They can't enforce .10 now and this will just make it worse," said Larry Vognild, D-Everett. Vognild said he was in favor of other parts of the measure.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has been pushing for the Legislature to pass such a bill. Similar legislation died in the House last year after it was approved by the Senate.

The bill passed Monday may face the same fate unless its primary sponsor, Sen. Adam Smith, D-Kent, and Appelwick are able to resolve their differences.

Appelwick said he would be willing to go along with a lower blood-alcohol level if Smith dropped a provision that called for a mandatory day in jail for some

offenders.

By doing away with some mandatory jail time, he said, the system could avoid the time and expense of providing a jury trial and public defender for accused drunken drivers.

Smith said the license suspension called for by the bill would allow the state to better track repeat offenders.

"We won't lose track of these people from one courtroom to the next," he said. At present, offenders are allowed to keep driving until they exhaust every appeal.

The bill also would stiffen penalties for those caught drinking and driving while on probation for that offense, and allow individuals to defer prosecution in favor of treatment only once every 10 years instead of once every five.

In other action Monday, the Senate:

- Passed 47-2 a measure that would essentially pay commuters to car pool. Under SB5918, major employers in the state's eight largest counties would get a credit on their business and occupation

tax if the employers provided employees financial incentives for car pooling. The pilot program is to last two years.

- Approved and sent to the House on a 43-4 vote a bill that would raise \$30 million for the State Patrol over the next two-year budget cycle by raising the state's vehicle excise tax from 2.2 percent to 2.57 percent. Vognild said the patrol would fall short by 100 officers during the next budget cycle if the measure didn't pass.

It is not clear yet whether SB6309, which amounts to a tax increase, would be subject to the limits set by tax-revolt Initiative 601.

If approved by the House, the bill would do away with a flat \$20.35 imposed on all motorists when they register their car in return for upping the excise tax. Owners of cars worth more than \$5,500 would end up paying more than they do under the present system.

- Unanimously approved SB6303, which would set up a panel to propose 108 state boards and commissions for elimination.

## ET ALS

### MEETINGS

**Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force** will meet today at 1 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-1133.

**Star Trek Information Center** will meet tonight at 6 in EMU Cedar Room E. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call 346-0631.

**EMU Board House Committee** will meet today from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in EMU Suite 1. For more information, call 346-3720.

**EMU Board Budget Committee** will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3720.

**Japanese Student Organization** will meet today from 5 to 6 p.m. in EMU Cedar Rooms C and D. For more information, call 686-4484.

**ASUO-IFC Funded Programs Council** will meet today at 3 p.m. in Room 242 Gerlinger. For more information, call 346-0622.

**Hillel** will meet tonight from 6 to 7 at 1414 Kincaid. For more information, call 343-8920.

**Asian/Pacific-American Student Union** will meet today at 5 p.m. in Room 225 Counseling Center. For more information, call 346-4342.

**College Republicans** will meet tonight at 6:30 in the EMU Oak Room. For more information, call 343-7788.

**Student Health Insurance Committee** will meet today at 2 p.m. in the Student Health Center Medical Library. For more information, call 346-3702.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Overeaters Anonymous** will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Center Parlor.

**Outdoor Program** will present a slide presentation on paragliding tonight at 7:30 in Room 110 Willamette. For more information, call 346-4365.

**Career Planning and Placement Service** will conduct an office orientation today from 5 to 6 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3235.

**Disco** will discuss employment opportunities in Japan today from 4 to 5 p.m. in EMU Cedar Rooms A and B. For more information, call 346-3235.

**Career Planning and Placement Service** will conduct a resume writing workshop today from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3235.

**Career Planning and Placement Service** will stop collecting bid cards and resumes today at 4 p.m. in Room 244 Hendricks for K mart, Macy's, BMA and Lady Footlocker.

**Great West Life** will conduct a presentation tonight from 7 to 8:30 in the EMU Cedar Rooms A and B. For more information, call 346-3235.

**People's Law School** will conduct a crim-

inal law seminar tonight from 7 to 9 in Room 229 Law Center.

**Outdoor Program** will present paragliding tonight at 7:30 in Room 110 Willamette. For more information, call 346-4365.

**Center for Asian and Pacific Studies** will present an informational meeting on international cooperative learning programs today from 11 a.m. to noon in Room 360 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 346-1521.

**Pre-Law Society** will present Karen Tracey of the District Attorney's Office today from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 164 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 688-4577.

**Academic Advising & Student Services** will conduct a teacher education workshop today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 164 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 346-3211.

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## An open letter to UO Faculty

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

February 10, 1994

Dear Colleague,

You are invited and encouraged to take part in **InterSEXions 1994, Conversations on Curriculum: Sexualities in the University Classroom**. Recent political campaigns make clear that it is crucial for a University of Oregon education to offer balanced, responsible, broadly informed perspectives on human sexualities. At the same time, an investigation of concepts of sexualities and gender is at the forefront of disciplines in the sciences, humanities, arts and professions. Many faculty members wish to include perspectives appropriate and relevant to their disciplines on such questions but are unsure how to proceed. Doubts range from philosophical to pedagogical to practical: Am I qualified to speak to students on socially charged issues, about experiences I personally do/do not share? What if I say the wrong thing? What resources and bibliography are available, and do they apply to my courses? We hope you will join faculty and students from UO and other Oregon institutions of higher education to explore varied aspects of, and some answers to, these concerns.

For the Standing Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues, Dianne Dugaw (English Department) and Karen Logvin (Office of Human Resources), Co-chairs  
Amanda Powell (Romance Languages), Dominick Vetri (School of Law)

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Myles Brand

### Friday, 18 February 1994 - Gerlinger Lounge

3:00 pm Opening Remarks by President Myles Brand  
3:15-5:00 pm "Mainstreaming the Margins: Including Sexualities Across the Curriculum." Panelists will discuss ways issues of sexuality are addressed in various disciplines such as biology, general education and other traditional courses.  
5:30 pm Social Gathering - Refreshments and informal conversation before the start of the 1994 UO Queer Film Festival.

### Saturday, 19 February 1994 - Walnut Room/EMU

10:00 am - noon "Queer Topics: Research and Courses Focusing on Diverse Sexualities." Faculty and students will discuss research and "special focus" course topics underway in university settings, types of research support, and obstacles encountered.  
1:00 - 3:00 pm "For People of All Sexual Orientations: The Risks and Rewards of Talking About Sexualities in the Classroom." Discussion will focus on what happens in the classroom when topics of sexuality are raised, and the accompanying responsibilities.

For further information and other requests for accommodations to disability, call Jackie Balzer at (503) 346-1142 or Mark Turner at (503) 346-4863.

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