



Alaska Association of Student Government

Resolution # 1

Supporting House Bill 101 to raise the age of consent to 18 and protect minors

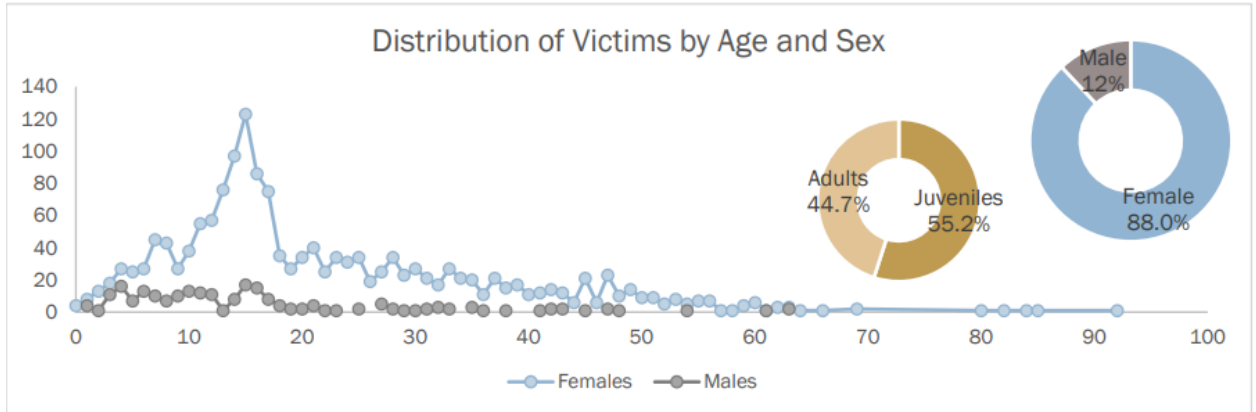
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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

1. **Whereas**, House Bill 101 is an act with the intention to raise the age of consent from 16 to 18;¹
2. **Whereas**, in 2026, Keeley Olson, Reporter for the Anchorage Daily News, stated, “Alaska’s age of consent for sexual contact is 16. This means an adult of any age can have sex with a 16-year-old. It also means 16- and 17-year-olds are treated as adults, not minors, when reporting a sexual assault.”;²
3. **Whereas**, House Bill 101 passed unanimously in the House;³
4. **Whereas**, In 2025, Oklahoma passed a similar bill to increase the age of consent from 16 to 18;⁴
5. **Whereas**, Oklahoma State Senator Warren Hamilton stated, “We’ve seen far too many disturbing cases where predators have targeted teenagers, evading legal consequences due to gaps in the current age of consent laws. This bill closes those loopholes by raising the age of consent, ultimately ensuring stronger protections for our children and holding predators accountable.”;⁴
6. **Whereas**, an article by the National Institutes of Health states, “Women aged 16 to 19 are 4 times more likely to be sexually assaulted than women in all other age groups.”;⁵
7. **Whereas**, a study done in Alaska by the Criminal Records & Identification Bureau states, “The median age of female victims statewide was 17 years old, while the most common age was 15. The median age of male victims statewide was 12 years old, while the most common age was 4.”;⁶

8. Whereas,



according to the Criminal Records and Identification Bureau, statistics of felony sex offense victims in 2018 in Alaska show that there is a substantial spike in assaults for female victims aged between 10 and 20 year olds, as shown above;⁶

9. Whereas, the passage of House Bill 101 would not criminalize relationships between consenting teenagers as those relationships are legally protected under Romeo and Juliet laws.

10. Whereas, raising the age of consent from 16 to 18 would help to better protect the groups most susceptible to sexual violence within Alaska;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments support House Bill 101 and protections for minors.

Action Statement: If passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution will be sent to the Alaska State Senators, and submitted to the Alaska Legislature for consideration.

The resolution passes with unanimous consent,

AASG Vice President, Lina Hischer

AASG Executive Director, Cassandra Mirosch

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