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IN THE SENATE
RESOLUTION 539
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A resolution calling upon Idaho lawmakers to enact Medical Amnesty Legislation

WHEREAS: The Associated Students of Idaho State University seek to create a safe campus for all students attending Idaho State University.

WHEREAS: The Associated Students of Idaho State University acknowledge the potential harm that alcohol has on a college campus.

WHEREAS: Unintentional injuries were the leading cause of death in college students according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

WHEREAS: 31 state and the District of Colombia have passed Medical Amnesty Initiatives including Montana, Oregon, Nevada, Washington.

WHEREAS: The State of Idaho currently has no Medical Amnesty provision.

WHEREAS: This disparity could and has led to confusion about this policy for students at Idaho State University.

WHEREAS: When someone overdose in America, help is called less than 50% of the time.¹

WHEREAS: A Cornell study found that 19% of college of students surveyed had been in a situation where they felt they should have called for emergency services.²

WHEREAS: The same Cornell study found that only 4% of college students surveyed did call emergency services.²

WHEREAS: The same Cornell study found that over a two year period of implementing a Medical Amnesty Initiative the calls to Emergency Medical Services increased 51.1% after one year.²

WHEREAS: College students are often reluctant to call for help in medical related emergencies when they may get themselves or others in trouble.

WHEREAS: The same study have shown that “not wanting to get the person in trouble” and “not wanting to get themselves in trouble” as top reason why students did not call emergency services.²
WHEREAS: Studies have shown that a student who knows a Medical Amnesty policy exists is 2.5 times more likely to call for help.³

WHEREAS: Idaho State University currently has a Medical Amnesty policy in the Student Conduct Code.

WHEREAS: This legislation would only seek to provide amnesty in case of medical emergencies.

WHEREAS: This legislation would not seek to provide amnesty in cases such as driving under the influences and disorderly conducts.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: By the Senate of the Associated Students of Idaho State University calls upon Idaho Lawmakers to enact a Medical Amnesty policy during the 2016 Legislative Session.

COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SENT TO

Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter, State of Idaho
Lieutenant Governor Brad Little, of Idaho
Senator Roy Lacey, District 29
Representative Mark Nye, District 29
Representative Elaine Smith, District 29
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SENATE ACTION: _______________________ DATE: _____________________

ASISU PRESIDENT: ______________________ DATE: _____________________

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