

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF HB 198: CONCEALED CARRY AMENDMENTS AND IN  
FAVOR OF HB 200: SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT PROCESSING AMENDMENTS

Whereas, According to the Journal of Adolescent Health, impulse control is among one of the last areas of the brain to be fully developed, and may not be developed until the mid-twenties<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas, According to the Annals of Internal Medicine, women are three times more likely to be homicide victims and men are four times more likely to commit suicide when firearms are within reach<sup>2</sup>;

Whereas, According to surveys, three-quarters of sexual violence is committed by people the victims know<sup>3</sup>;

Whereas, A sexual assault victim cannot reasonably have time to draw a weapon on an attacker before it is stripped from them and used against them; and

Whereas, Timely processing of sexual assault kits for DNA and other related evidence is an effective deterrent against sexual assault<sup>4</sup>; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Women's State Legislative Council of Utah is opposed to HB 198: Concealed Carry Amendments, which would reduce the concealed carry permit age to 18; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Women's State Legislative Council of Utah supports HB 200: Sexual Assault Kit Processing Amendments, which would require the timely processing of sexual assault kits.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2017

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2892678/>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2014/01/111286/access-guns-increases-risk-suicide-homicide>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.rainn.org/statistics/perpetrators-sexual-violence>

<sup>4</sup><http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/news/2016-07-14/rape-kit-backlog-cleared-civil-grand-jury-reviews-sheriffs-crime-lab/1776425165029.html>