

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Supporting State Legislation that Improves Regulations and  
Oversight of "Sober Living Homes")**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-048**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with  
2 the authority to "promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals,  
3 education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"  
4 and to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of  
5 the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments"  
6 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(f)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation has taken positions in support of and in opposition  
8 to proposed state health care legislation (e.g. Resolution No. 19-053 "Supporting  
9 Arizona Senate Bill 1134," Resolution No. 22-114 "Supporting Arizona House and  
10 Senate Health Bills", Resolution No. 23-032 "Affirming the Tohono O'odham  
11 Nation's Health Care State Legislation Positions"); and

12 **WHEREAS,** in May, 2023, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System ("AHCCCS")  
13 announced initial findings of "credible and willful fraud" by sober-living  
14 providers across Arizona and since then, has suspended more than 300 providers;  
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16 **WHEREAS,** since October 2024, AHCCCS has suspended payment to 257 allegedly fraudulent  
17 sober living homes and referred them to law enforcement for review and possible  
18 prosecution, terminated 120 sober living homes for quality management, and  
19 denied 264 provider applications during a moratorium; and

20 **WHEREAS,** AHCCCS implemented new measures to prevent further fraud, waste, and abuse,  
21 which included a moratorium for new provider registration for behavioral health  
22 outpatient clinics, covered behavioral health services guide, AI chatbots to  
23 support provider enrollment and updating, and implementing requirements for  
24 detailed treatment plans, but the Health and Human Services and Appropriations  
25 Committees also recommend supporting state legislation that improves  
26 regulations and oversight of "sober living homes" in the best interests of Nation's  
27 members; and

28 **WHEREAS,** SB 1308 sober living homes, which was introduced by Senator Frank Carroll,  
29 requires the Arizona Department of Health Services to verify sober living homes'  
30 compliance with local rules before issuing or renewing licenses, conduct annual  
31 inspections, and investigate complaints within 30 days of receipt; and  
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1 **WHEREAS, SB 1308 also updates violations, and specifies enforcement can continue even if a**  
2 **sober living home is sold or closed, and requires a fingerprint clearance card for**  
3 **sober living home licensees and staff six months after the law takes effect; and**

4 **WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services and Appropriations Committees recommend**  
5 **supporting SB 1308 or similar legislation that improves regulations and oversight**  
6 **of "sober living homes" and increases funding for behavioral health care**  
7 **resources.**

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council supports SB**  
9 **1308 or similar legislation that improves regulations and oversight of "sober**  
10 **living homes" and increases funding for behavioral health care resources.**

11 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
12 **day of FEBRUARY 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR;**  
13 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**  
14 **Article VI, Section 1 (c)(2) and Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
15 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
16 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
17 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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19 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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23 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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25 18 day of February, 2025  
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28 **ATTEST:**

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31 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

32 18 day of February, 2025  
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35 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**  
36 **O'odham Nation on the 18 day of February, 2025 at 10:30 o'clock, a .m.,**  
37 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**  
38 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**  
39 **hours of submittal.**

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45 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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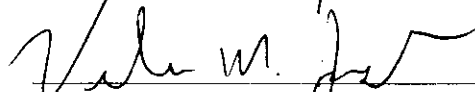
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APPROVED

on the 18 day of February, 2025

DISAPPROVED

at 4:24 o'clock, P.m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 18 day of

February, 2025, at 4:24 o'clock, P.m.

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: SUPPORTING STATE LEGISLATION THAT IMPROVES REGULATIONS AND OVERSIGHT OF "SOBER LIVING HOMES"**

**Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX**

**SECOND: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
<b>BABOQUIVARI</b> 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X X			
<b>CHUKUT KUK</b> 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	177.35 177.35	X X			
<b>GU ACHI</b> 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ( )	141.35 141.35	X X			
<b>GU VO</b> 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS ( ) 2. LESLIE LUNA ( )	138.0 138.0	X X			
<b>HICKIWAN</b> 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA ( ) 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X X			
<b>PISINEMO</b> 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL ( ) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
<b>SAN LUCY</b> 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8	X X			
<b>SAN XAVIER</b> 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX ( ) 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	122.25 122.25	X X			
<b>SCHUK TOAK</b> 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X X			
<b>SELLS</b> 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ( )	279.0 279.0	X X			
<b>SIF OIDAK</b> 247.1	1. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ( ) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,263.3</b>	<b>3,263.3</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>