

Resolution No.  
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## **Remove Undemocratic Preemption Laws**

WHEREAS, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and the business lobby have used preemption at the state level to reduce local jurisdictions' democratic control of government; and

WHEREAS, some residents and their local governments in the have lost their ability to protect themselves from powerful business interests; and

WHEREAS, in Oregon we currently have preemption laws that prohibit local municipalities from enacting laws regarding:

1. sick leave<sup>1</sup>
2. drones<sup>2</sup>
3. private security<sup>3</sup>
4. pesticide regulation<sup>4</sup>
5. engine idling<sup>5</sup>
6. firearms<sup>6</sup>
7. rent control<sup>7</sup>
8. minimum wage<sup>8</sup>; and

Therefore be it RESOLVED that Oregon AFL-CIO may work with coalitions to engage state legislators to repeal the preemption sections the bills listed above so that people can take back local control to protect their citizens from the powerful business interests that enacted these laws.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/653.661>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/837.385>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/2011/203.090>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/634.057>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/825.615>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/166.170>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/91.225>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/653.661>