

Comparison of Types of Policy-related Proposals: Resolution, New Business Item, Recommendation

	Resolution	New Business Item	Recommendation
Description	Topic/stance raised by members for consideration by Board and HOD to become ASHP professional policy.	Topic/stance raised by delegates for consideration by HOD and Board to become ASHP policy.	A recommendation of any topic from a delegate to ASHP.
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A practice-related issue with a potential policy implication¹ • Formal submission: proposed policy language, description of the issue, background • Intended goal is for it to become a policy position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A practice-related issue with a potential policy implication. • Formal submission: proposed policy language, description of the issue, background • Brought up for the first time at a meeting (or at least after the Resolution deadline) • Intended goal is for it to become a policy position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea or recommendation for further study or consideration • Can be on any topic within ASHP's purview, including professional policy and general feedback. • Content is generally not time sensitive as there is an understanding that it probably will not be addressed immediately
Timeline	<p>March – submitted April – Committee on Resolutions/Board June – HOD Approved/disapproved/referred</p>	<p>June – submitted June – HOD July/September – BOD Passed/defeated/referred</p>	<p>June -submitted June – HOD August – disposition by staff</p> <p><u>If policy</u>, September/Winter – discussed by Council March/June – HOD Passed/defeated</p>
Submitter	Two ASHP members	Delegate	Delegate
Due date	90-days prior to the June HOD (on or approximately March 10 th)	4PM Monday at the June HOD	End of second house meeting at the June HOD
Other Details		Introduced after resolution during HOD	

¹ ASHP Bylaws Section 7.3.1 The House of Delegates shall review and oversee the professional affairs of ASHP to further its purposes.

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Examples	<p data-bbox="321 142 833 212">Title: Advance Responsible Use of AI in Pharmacy Practice</p> <p data-bbox="321 256 833 560">Motion: To support the ethical and transparent use of artificial intelligence in pharmacy practice, and advocate for pharmacist involvement in the design, evaluation, and implementation of AI tools to ensure they enhance patient care and safety.</p> <p data-bbox="321 604 833 1218">Background: Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly being integrated into healthcare systems, including pharmacy workflows such as clinical decision support, medication use evaluation, and operational efficiencies. While these technologies offer significant potential to improve patient outcomes and reduce burden, their success depends on thoughtful implementation. Pharmacists, as medication experts, are uniquely positioned to ensure AI tools are safe, evidence-based, and aligned with patient care goals.</p>	<p data-bbox="863 142 1375 212">Title: Addressing Persistent Drug Shortages</p> <p data-bbox="863 256 1375 521">Motion: Move that ASHP advocate for stronger federal policies and supply chain transparency to prevent and mitigate drug shortages and support the involvement of pharmacists in national and institutional shortage response planning.</p> <p data-bbox="863 565 1375 1105">Background: Drug shortages continue to impact patient care across all practice settings, compromising treatment, increasing workload, and driving reliance on less effective or more costly alternatives. Despite ongoing efforts, root causes—such as manufacturing disruptions, limited transparency, and supply chain vulnerabilities—persist. Pharmacists are on the front lines of managing shortages and must have a voice in shaping system-wide solutions.</p>	<ol data-bbox="1404 142 1919 829" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ASHP recognizes climate change as a public health crisis and supports policies and practices that reduce healthcare-related environmental impact, including sustainable pharmacy operations and supply chains. 2. ASHP supports the integration of telehealth into pharmacy practice and advocates for reimbursement models that recognize pharmacists as essential providers of virtual patient care. 3. ASHP establish a network of volunteer pharmacists prepared to assist in emergency or disaster response efforts at the state and national levels.