

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2021-1048

TITLE: Resolution Addressing the Need for Expanded Aerial Transportation Service from Gainesville (Gainesville Aerial Transportation Optimization Resolution)

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SPONSORS: Judiciary Chairwoman Casey Mason, Information & Communications Chairwoman Shannon Locascio, Majority Party Leader John Brinkman, Senator Alejandro Hoyos, Senator Glen Dizon, Senator Savannah James

WHEREAS, reliable aerial transportation is necessary for the efficient long-distance transportation of University of Florida students, staff, and partners and the residents and visitors of the Gainesville Metropolitan Area; and,

WHEREAS, it is crucial to ensure the reliable and efficient aerial transportation of students, staff, business partners, local residents, and visitors to the Gainesville Metropolitan Area; and,

WHEREAS, it is important for the University of Florida and surrounding communities to support and promote local organizations and businesses to ensure their prosperity and growth; and,

WHEREAS, the current aerial transportation options to and from Gainesville do not serve a majority of the demand from students, staff, partners, visitors, and local residents; and,

WHEREAS, University of Florida students, staff, partners, and residents of the Gainesville Metropolitan Area often choose to fly from airports in other metropolitan areas to save on costs, connection time, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, 27.3% of University of Florida on-campus students are not from the State of Florida and only 12.6% of on-campus students not from the State of Florida are served with direct routes from Gainesville [1][2]; and,

WHEREAS, an increase in the supply of air carriers, seats, and routes is proven to decrease travel costs for those flying in and out of Gainesville and therefore increase the likelihood of traveling through Gainesville Regional Airport; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need to continue to expand aerial transportation from

Gainesville Regional Airport.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the addition of routes and an increase in the number of carriers flying into Gainesville, especially during peak travel times.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate pledges its continued support for the expansion of aerial transportation options from Gainesville Regional Airport.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President W. Kent Fuchs, Mayor Lauren Poe, University of Florida Vice President of Research & Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority Chairman Doctor David Norton, Gainesville Regional Airport Chief Executive Officer Allan Penksa

[1] <https://ir.aa.ufl.edu/uffacts/enrollment-geographics/>

[2] <https://flygainesville.com/>