

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1231**TITLE:** Resolution Supporting the Addition of Ice Machines to Residence Hall Buildings**AUTHOR(S):** Senator Anjali Natarajan**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Nathaniel Pelton, Senator Connor Panish, Senate President Pro Tempore Nathan McGinnis, Senator Navya Nair, Minority Party Leader Simone Liang, Senator Jeff John, Senator Hana Ali, Senator Anna Huber, Senator John Lin

WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated need to restore and replace broken, unsafe, and removed ice machines at residence halls across the University of Florida campus; and,

WHEREAS, students and student groups at the University of Florida have recognized and acknowledged the need to replace ice machines over several years since they were removed during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020, open bin ice machines were removed from residential areas by Housing and Residence Life, partially because these machines did not align with best practices outlined in the Florida Department of Business Professional Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the open bin ice machines were unable to prevent bare hand contact with ice, and were unable to fulfill the requirement of customer-accessible ice being automatically dispensed or packaged [1]; and,

WHEREAS, as seen in the Graham Area as of 2023, there are no clean, accessible, convenient ice machines available for student use; and,

WHEREAS, if the addition of ice machines were made to residence halls, students would receive the benefits of 24/7 access to ice; and,

WHEREAS, students would be able to use this ice in a multitude of ways, including both use in cold drinks and relief for short-term and long-term injuries such as sprains and ACL tears [2]; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Student Government Senate supports the addition of ice machines to residence halls buildings as denoted herein.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Student Body President Olivia Green, University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Senior Director of Housing and Residence Life Tina Kuhlengel Horvath, Inter-Residence Hall Association President Kara Sammetinger.

[1] <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/hr/information/documents/2013-04.pdf>

[2] <https://www.mountsinai.org/health-library/selfcare-instructions/anterior-cruciate-ligament-acl-injury-aftercare>

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