

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1256

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Distribution of Reflector Stickers for Skateboards and Electric Scooters to Improve Night Safety

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SPONSORS: Senate President Oscar Santiago Perez, Judiciary Chair Jonathan C. Stephens, Judiciary Vice-Chair Joaquin R.C. Marcelino, Majority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton, Deputy Majority Party Leader Chalisa Budhai, Senator Saketh Damara, Senator Matthew Reich, Senator Laurie Wang, Senator John Lin

WHEREAS, the safety of students on the University of Florida campus is of paramount importance, and promoting safe practices for nighttime activities is essential; and,

WHEREAS, skateboarding and electric scooters are both popular modes of transportation and recreation, and some students ride on campus pathways during nighttime hours; and,

WHEREAS, in Gainesville, it is required by law “to have a white front light and a red rear reflector or light when riding [a bicycle] at night. Additional reflectors are also recommended to enhance visibility” [1] and reduce the risk of accidents, yet no similar requirement has been initiated for skateboards or electric scooters [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the distribution of reflector stickers designed for skateboards and electric scooters can help ensure that students who get from place to place via skating or scooting have accessible means of enhancing their nighttime visibility; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative aligns with the University of Florida’s commitment to the safety and well-being of its students and promotes responsible and safe recreational activities on campus;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the value of distributing reflector stickers designed for skateboards and electric scooters to enhance student safety for those who ride on campus pathways during nighttime hours; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the University of Florida administration to collaborate with relevant campus organizations to implement the distribution of reflector stickers for skateboards and electric scooters.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the University of Florida President Ben Sasse, the University of Florida's Department of Transportation and Parking Services Director Scott Fox, and the University Police Department Chief Linda J. Stump-Kurnick

[1] <https://crbicycles.com/blogs/news/navigating-bicycling-laws-on-uf-campus-in-gainesville-and-alachua-county>

[2] <https://www.niuflorida.com/the-ultimate-guide-to-us-kick-scooter-laws-in-2022/>