

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1260**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Reintroduction of the Stay Fresh Laundry Grant at the University of Florida**

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**SPONSOR(S): 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 Damera, Senator Matthew Reich, Senator Laurie Wang, Senator John Lin**

**WHEREAS**, the Stay Fresh Laundry Grant was previously implemented at the University of Florida, providing financial assistance to students in need for laundry services; and,

**WHEREAS**, clean clothing is a basic necessity that contributes to a student's personal hygiene, self-esteem, and overall well-being; and,

**WHEREAS**, the financial burden of laundry expenses can be alleviated through the reintroduction of the Stay Fresh Laundry Grant, thereby promoting equity and inclusivity for all students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Stay Fresh Laundry Grant reflects the University's commitment to ensuring that every student has access to basic necessities irrespective of their financial situation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the previously implemented Stay Fresh Laundry Grant had a positive impact on the student body by reducing financial stress related to laundry expenses; and,

**WHEREAS**, the reinstatement of the Stay Fresh Laundry Grant aligns with the University's broader mission of fostering an inclusive, supportive, and student-centric campus environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, feedback from the student body has highlighted the importance and demand for such a grant to be reinstated; and,

**WHEREAS**, similar initiatives have been successfully implemented in other universities, demonstrating the feasibility and positive impact of such a grant; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the crucial role of financial assistance programs like the Stay Fresh Laundry Grant in promoting student well-being and equity.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate acknowledges the positive impact of the Stay Fresh Laundry Grant on the student body and the alignment of such an initiative with the University's core values.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate advocates for the reintroduction of the Stay Fresh Laundry Grant and encourages the University administration to allocate the necessary resources for the reinstatement of this important grant, in line with the spirit of this resolution.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, the Inter-Residence Hall Association President Kara Sammetinger, the Vice President of Student Life Heather White, and the UF Housing and Residence Education Senior Director Tina Horvath.*