

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1534

TITLE: Resolution Calling for Unlocked Bathrooms in the Murphree Area

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WHEREAS, the Murphree Housing area consists of 5 residence halls with the capacity to house over 1000 students each year at the University of Florida [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the Murphree Area residence halls are traditional style dorms featuring communal bathrooms on each floor; and,

WHEREAS, other traditional style dorms, such as Rawlings, Trusler, and Honors Village have unlocked bathrooms within their residence halls; and,

WHEREAS, currently, the bathrooms within the Murphree Area residence halls are locked, requiring a key given to residents to enter; and,

WHEREAS, keys may be easily lost or misplaced, leading to students potentially locking themselves out of their rooms through misplacing their keys in the bathroom; and,

WHEREAS, students are provided with two free lockout services per semester, and are charged \$50 per incident after these free services are used [2]; and,

WHEREAS, an increased number of lockouts may put extra stress on students, both mentally and financially, while also placing extra responsibility on resident assistants to provide more lockout services; and,

WHEREAS, students will be moving into the Murphree Area residence halls between the dates of August 15th and August 17th, 2024 prior to the beginning of the Fall semester; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of accessible facilities for students living in on-campus residence halls; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that lockouts may cause students and resident assistants additional stress on top of their academic and personal lives; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate calls for unlocked bathrooms within Murphree Area residence halls.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida Housing and Residence Life Senior Director Tina Kuhlengel Horvath and Housing and Residence Life Administrative Specialist Erin Cortes.

[1] <https://housing.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Historyof-UFFacilities.pdf>

[2] <https://housing.ufl.edu/welcome/>