

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1544

TITLE: Fortifying the Implementation of Reitz Emergency Preparedness and Overall Learning Environment (FIREPOLE) Act

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WHEREAS, fire safety is critical for protecting the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, the Reitz Union is a centrally located hub for student activities and services, hosting a variety of events, meetings, and social gatherings; and,

WHEREAS, enhanced fire safety measures can help prevent accidents, minimize damage in the event of a fire, and ensure that all occupants are able to evacuate safely; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the university provides a safe campus environment by adhering to the highest standards of fire safety and emergency preparedness; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the university provides a safe environment by having adequate evacuation methods; and,

WHEREAS, focusing and advocating on fire safety could allow for the creation of a space in the Reitz Union devoted to the dissemination of information about the topic, creating more awareness within the UF community of the importance of proper fire safety; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate advocates for the Reitz Union to increase awareness for fire safety within the Union, including instituting educating students on fire suppression systems and evacuation procedures.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University should keep fire safety a priority at all times, as keeping students safe within the campus is its core mission.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all individuals within the Reitz Union and across campus, and as such, will effectively work to promote and support effective fire safety protocols and awareness.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Reitz Union Board of Managers Member Jackie Phillips and Director of Emergency Management Kenneth Allen.