



To: Florida State University Student Senate

From: Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President

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Date: February 13th, 2024

**Subject: Veto of Senate Bill 14**

By the authority vested in me as Student Body President of the Florida State University, under the provisions of Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Student Body, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Senate Bill 14, passed during the 76th Session of the Student Senate of the Florida State University Student Government Association.

This bill would make changes to the Student Body Statues to allow SGA Agencies and Bureaus to be allocated 30% and 20% respectively of their annual budgets in the food category. I disagree with this bill for multiple reasons. First, I find it particularly financially irresponsible to spend large amounts of money on food. The average annual budget for Agencies in the 2023 budget bill was about \$28.5k and 30% of that is about \$8.5k. I do not find it responsible or reasonable for Agencies to each spend more on food than the total budget of 3 of our 4 Bureaus combined. Second, food is not essential enough of an expense to amend our budgetary system for an increase in allocation amount. The purpose of our Agencies and Bureaus is to engage the student body through their unique missions and opportunities, not because they have free food. Increasing the limit of food allocations from 15% to 30% or 15% to 20% is not going to aid the missions of our Agencies and Bureaus and would likely only put SGA in a more difficult position financially. Agencies and Bureaus are not barred from spending more than they are allocated in this food category, often requesting budgetary changes from the Student Senate, getting special funding from Sweepings, or having food expenses covered by the Executive Branch. *Lastly, our Student Government entities should not be above the rules that we create for every other organization.* If we can make sweeping exceptions to the rule, why would we have the rule in the first place?

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of Senate Bill 14 and do hereby veto the Bill.

In Unconquered Pride,

Jack Hitchcock  
Student Body President