

76th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 20

Primary Sponsor(s): McEnery, Rodriguez
Co-Sponsor(s): Ahuja, Carr, Castellanos, Daley, Garcia, Hine, Meier, Souvenir, Teplin,
Windlan
Date: January 22, 2024

Whereas: HB599 and SB1382 aim to change the procedures within work environments regarding using preferred pronouns meant to identify people with their desired identity. This also introduces a strict appliance of the term "sex" as an "immutable biological trait", and,

Whereas: This bill aims to further marginalize the LGBTQ community throughout Florida, where they make up 5% of the total workforce, by not allowing them to provide their preferred pronouns if they do not align with their "sex", and,

Whereas: Not referring to a person by their preferred name/ pronoun could inflict immense damage onto individuals who, otherwise, would consider their work environment a "safe space", and

Whereas: 60% of LGBTQ youth in Florida have already reported experiencing symptoms of depression (Trevor Project), there is a fear that these bills would only escalate these feelings, and

Whereas: It is important for the Student Senate to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community on campus by expressing our distaste for these bills, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Sixth Student Senate at Florida State University that: We reject HB599 and SB1382 and urge the Florida House and Florida Senate to stop their attacks on LGBTQ youth in Florida, and

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to Ryan Chamberlin, Florida House Representative Rachel Saunders Plakon, Florida House Representative Jonathan Martina, Florida Senator

Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President
Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Zduy Chu, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
Nick Fernandez-Greene, Executive Director of Pride Student Union
Lauren Allison, Political Action Coordinator of Pride Student Union

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2/20/2024 | 12:07 PM PST 371F726A9A924B6...**Student Senate President**

SENATE VOTE: 38-2-3 PASSED: February 14, 2024