

Congress of Graduate Students Florida State University

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The 24th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution 2

Sponsored by Representative Lee

Opposition of the Senate Bill 68 and House Bill 4001

WHEREAS: The Congress of Graduate Students represents the interests of graduate students across Florida State University, and

WHEREAS: On September 16, 2015, HB 4001 passed the Criminal Justice Subcommittee with a vote of 8-5, and

WHEREAS: On November 4, 2015, HB 4001 passed the Higher Education and Workforce Subcommittee with a vote of 10-3, and

WHEREAS: On November 19, 2015, HB 4001 passed the Judiciary Committee with a vote of 13-5, and

WHEREAS: On November 19, 2015, HB 4001 has been placed on the House Calendar and is now in its second reading, and

WHEREAS: On September 16, 2015, SB 68 passed the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice with a vote of 3-2, and

WHEREAS: On October 10, 2015, SB passed the Senate Committee on Higher Education with a vote of 5-3, and

WHEREAS: Since October 21, 2015, SB awaits in Judiciary, and

WHEREAS: These bills would undermine campus law enforcement, and

WHEREAS: These bills would conflict with other statutes (such as laws banning firearms in stadiums), and

WHEREAS: The presence of firearms would hurt the ability of Florida State University to attract and retain the best students and faculty,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

We, the Congress of Graduate Students strongly oppose the proposed legislation to allow concealed weapons to be carried on University and College campuses by people other than trained and certified police and security officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Copies of this resolution be sent to:

Representative Greg Steube
Representative Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda
Senator Greg Evers
Senator Bill Montford
Representative Halsey Beshears
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