



**Undergraduate
Student Government**

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

March 21st, 2023

Student Senate Session

S.S.R. #11

Sponsors: Senator Radz, Senator Siraj, Senator Stringer, Senator Studer, Senator Wicks

Referred to: Governmental Relations Committee

Student Senate Action: **Passed**/Failed/Tabled

A RESOLUTION

Related to USG's support for the Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act.

Section 1. Short Title

This resolution may be cited as “University of Iowa Support for the REACH Act”.

Section 2. Background and Discussion

Whereas, the Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act defines “hazing” as “knowing or reckless act committed by a student, or a former student, of an IHE (Institution of Higher Education) against another student, that (1) is connected with an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, an organization that is affiliated with the IHE; and (2) contributes to a substantial risk of physical injury, mental harm, or degradation or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation.”¹

Whereas, 55% of college students involved in clubs, teams, and organizations have reported an experience of hazing.¹

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/662>

Whereas, Since 1970, there has been at least one reported hazing-related death each year on a college campus, 82% of which stem from alcohol abuse.²

Whereas, hazing also interferes with other well-being concerns with negative effects associated with mental health, substance abuse, sexual harassment, and interpersonal violence ³

Whereas, in a national study conducted in 2008, 73% of students involved in Greek life experienced a situation that fit the criteria of hazing in order to maintain their membership. The most common form of hazing was drinking games (53%) and drinking large amounts of alcohol to the point of getting sick or passing out (26%). This was similar to 74% of students in varsity sports having experiences that meet the criteria of hazing. Their hazing experiences include drinking games (47%) and drinking large amounts of alcohol to the point of getting sick or passing out (23%).¹

Whereas, hazing can be prevented within higher education through decisive administrative action and a purposeful shift in the cultures of clubs, teams, and organizations. Hazing should not be tolerated within institutions of higher education, such as the University of Iowa.

Section 3. Action

Resolved, The University of Iowa Undergraduate Student Government supports the collective House and Senate bills known as the Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act.

Resolved, the Undergraduate Student Government is committed to supporting and advocating for reformed anti-hazing education across the state of Iowa, encouraging shared governance across campus to do the same.

² hazing.umd.edu.

³ StopHazing Research Lab. (2020, December). *Intersections of Hazing*. StopHazing Consulting. <https://www.stophazing.org/issue/intersections>

Resolved, this resolution shall be sent to the Office of the Dean of the College of Education, the Office of the Dean of the College of Engineering, the Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Office of the Dean of the College of Nursing, the Office of the Dean of the College of Public Health, the Office of the Dean of the Tippie College of Business, the Office of the President, and the Iowa Board of Regents.

Therefore be it resolved, this resolution shall be sent to all members of Iowa's federal delegation, including, The Honorable Charles Grassley, The Honorable Joni Ernst, The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks (District 1), The Honorable Ashley Hinson, (District 2) The Honorable Zach Nunn (District 3), and The Honorable Randy Feenstra (District 4).

Section 4. Enactment Clause

Be it enacted by the Undergraduate Student Government upon the signature of the President.

Alexis Carfrae, **Speaker of the Senate**
Alexis Carfrae

I hereby attest and certify that this resolution originated from the 2022-2023 Student Senate Session.

APPROVED on 3/21/23, by

Patrick Johnson, **USG President**
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