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SENATE BILL No. GF08-41

AS INTRODUCED

A joint resolution opposing any law that would allow conceal and carry firearms on Oklahoma university campuses; and directing distribution.

Whereas: House Bill 2513 would allow certain students, faculty, and employees to carry a concealed handgun on Oklahoma campuses; and

Whereas: College and university campuses are meant to serve as centers for the advancement of research and education; and

Whereas: The carrying of concealed weapons does not further the advancement of research or education within college and universities; and

Whereas: The safety of the student body on college and university campuses is the responsibility of the State; and

Whereas: The inclusion of weapons in the college and university environment is antithetical to the State's goal of preserving the safety of the student body; and

Whereas: Campus killers often kill themselves, and HB 2513 provides no incentive for an active shooter to not commit their heinous act; and

Whereas: Concealed weapons are not permitted on the grounds of other state owned institutions, including state agencies and the State Capitol; and

Whereas: It would be highly difficult for law enforcement to discern between an active gunman and students with proper conceal and carry weapons during an emergency; and

Whereas: College life is highly stressful for most students and adding guns to campus life would be very detrimental; and

Whereas: The Council of Presidents unanimously adopted a resolution opposing HB 2513; and

Whereas: University of Oklahoma President David Boren has stated, "I do not think I have seen a single piece of legislation that would bring more negative consequences than this. All of the major politicians in the state have warned about this bill. I'm a supporter of the Second Amendment rights, but that's not the issue"; and

Whereas: Oklahoma State University director of public safety Mike Robinson has stated, "Students don't want it. Faculty doesn't want it. Administration doesn't want it. Campuses are one of the safest places you can be. I am certain that campuses will be less safe if we allow guns"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS AND THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

Section 1: The University of Oklahoma Student Association hereby opposes any law that would allow conceal and carry firearms to be present on Oklahoma university campuses.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to:

The Hon. Chris Benge, Speaker of the House of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
David Boren, President of University of Oklahoma

The Hon. Glenn Coffee, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate

Mr. Danny Hilliard, OU Director of Federal Relations

The Hon. Scott Martin, State Representative for District 46

Mr. Daniel McClure, President of the Oklahoma Student Government Association

The Hon. Bill Nations, State Representative for District 45

The Hon. Jonathan Nichols, State Senator for District 15

The Hon. John Sparks, State Senator for District 16

The Oklahoman

The Norman Transcript

The Oklahoma Daily

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Submitted on a Motion by: Rep. Burris, seconded by Rep. Bowling

Action taken by Congress: Passed by majority vote (12-7-1)

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Submitted on a Motion by: Sen. Burkholder, seconded by Sen. Elms

Action taken by Senate: Passed by majority vote (32-12-6)

Verified by Chair: _____ Date: _____

Approved by President: _____ Date: _____