

1 **Associated Student Government**
2 *University of Arkansas*



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4 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 18*

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10 **A Resolution to Implement Gender Inclusive Housing**

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12 Whereas, there are students living on campus who are put into
13 uncomfortable and potentially dangerous situations due to
14 the reinforced gendered stereotypes perpetuated by a binary
15 being housed among a gender they may not or may no longer
16 identify with; and

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18 Whereas, addressing physical threats to the safety of students living in
19 housing should be a priority for the University, especially
20 given the 2020 on campus physical assault on an LGBTQ+
21 student; and

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23 Whereas, anticipating and meeting the needs of minority students
24 shows a university to be sensitive and progressive and adds
25 to the University's prestige; and

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27 Whereas, single-occupancy rooms, currently the only on-campus
28 option for non-normatively gendered students, cost much
29 more (approximately \$500-\$1,000 per semester more
30 depending on location, according to the University of
31 Arkansas Housing website) than others, imposing a
32 discriminatory financial burden on these students; and

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34 Whereas, comfortable and affordable university housing with a
35 roommate should be an option available to all, rather than
36 just to those who fit norms of gender or sexual orientation;
37 then

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39 Be it therefore resolved: That the Associated Student Government
40 Senate, representing the students at the
41 University of Arkansas, shows its support for
42 the implementation of Gender Inclusive
43 Housing Options, a form of gender-

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blind/gender-neutral housing as an option for all students; and

Be it finally resolved:

That upon passage of this legislation, it will be presented to the Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Housing, the Director for Residential Facilities, and the Director of Residence Education so that this initiative can be supported moving forward.

Amendments: _____

Vote Count: Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstentions _____

Legislation Status: Passed _____ Failed _____ Other _____

Caleb Parker ASG Chair of the Senate Date

Julia Nall, ASG President Date