

Resolution on Immigration Legislation
The Faculty Senate of the University of Alabama

“**Whereas**, the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, commonly known as HB 56, is recognized as the most extensive and punitive anti-immigration bill in the United States; and

Whereas, components of this legislation diminish the human dignity of all it is intended to impact; and

Whereas, the spirit of certain aspects of this legislation opposes the mission of higher education to promote the democratic values of tolerance, equality and liberty; and

Whereas, this legislation has negatively impacted current and may negatively impact future members of the University community;

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama supports the changes to HB56 recently proposed by HB 658; and

Let it be further RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama encourages the Alabama State Legislature to make additional revisions to HB 56 to remove/revise those aspects of this legislation which have had negative, unintended consequences on international visitors and Alabama residents; and finally,

Let it be known that the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama stands ready to provide advice and assistance to the Alabama Legislature as it works to improve HB 56”.

Passed by The University of Alabama Faculty Senate
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