

Resolution Expressing Support For Legislation to Advance Campus Fire Safety Initiatives

Resolution offered by the National Fire Protection Association

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Whereas according to information compiled by the Center for Campus Fire Safety, since January 2000, 84 people have been killed in student housing fires;

Whereas nearly 80% of fatal student housing fires occur in off-campus housing such as rented houses and apartments;

Whereas common threads exist in the majority of student housing fires including:

- Lack of automatic fire sprinklers;
- Missing or disabled smoke alarms;
- Careless disposal of smoking materials;
- Alcohol consumption;

Whereas education about fire safety, installation of fire suppression and detection systems in both on-campus and off-campus housing, and development and enforcement of fire safety codes can reverse this trend;

Whereas several pieces of legislation currently before the United States Congress help advance fire safety on college campuses and in student housing, including H.R. 2637/S. 1196, the Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act, H.R. 128, the College Fire Prevention Act, H.R. 4460, the College Life Safety and Fire Prevention Act and H.R. 1131/S. 512, The Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act;

Therefore be it resolved that the Congressional Fire Services Institute's National Advisory Committee supports the advancement of legislation addressing fire safety on college campuses and off-campus housing.