

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
GRADUATE ASSEMBLY  
ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

FEBRUARY 21, 2014

ASSEMBLY BILL # 31

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INTRODUCED BY:

THE COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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A RESOLUTION to oppose Arizona Senate Bill 1062 and House Bill 2153

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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION,

WHEREAS GPSA represents all ASU graduate and professional students, including students who will likely suffer newly-protected discrimination should SB 1062/HB 2153 become law;

WHEREAS the GPSA's 2013-2014 Advocacy Agenda directs the GPSA to "support efforts to establish an environment where diversity (in age, gender, race, ability, socioeconomic status, sexual identity, ideology, nationality, veteran status, etc.) is appreciated and sought after and advocate for the unique dignity of each individual and group";

NOTING THAT SB 1062/HB 2153 would protect discrimination that includes, but is not limited to, refusal of service to persons with certain religious beliefs or sexual orientations;

NOTING THAT the right to religious freedom should not include the right to discriminate by refusal of service on religious grounds;

FINALLY EMPHASIZING THAT GPSA supports equal treatment and protection of all graduate and professional students regardless of any multitude of communities or identities to which they belong;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GPSA opposes Arizona Senate Bill 1062 and House Bill 2153.