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Submitted to the Committee on Higher Education
For SB 37

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Hazing is a crime invisible to most faculty, as it is a topic that is hard to bring up in classrooms. The numbers of deaths by hazing at universities miss the trauma and injuries that hazing survivors do incur, that do distort their experience of higher education, and do impair the ability of students from becoming good and ethical colleagues in future workplaces and perhaps even their homes.

Forcing people to harm and humiliate themselves in order to become members in good standing of a community is a terrible way to learn to be an adult. The stakes for hazing need to recognize the long-term damage hazing does to students, families and the communities and workplaces that keep them going after graduation.

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I support SB 37.

Please pass it out of committee as quickly as possible.

I urge you to have the Calendars Committee move to get SB 37 to the floor before the end of session.

Respectfully,

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