Illegal File Sharing on Public University Campuses
California State Assembly Committee on Higher Education
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Sacramento – California colleges and universities rank among the highest in the nation for the number of pre-litigation letters and copyright infringement notices they have received for music piracy via illegal peer to peer (P2P) file sharing, [...]

“This problem belongs to the schools as well,” Glazier told the committee. “It’s their bandwidth that’s being abused. Intellectual property is vital to them – to their revenues, to their curriculum, to their culture of thought and discovery.” [...]

At the hearing, an official from the University of Florida testified that by implementing technological measures, the school saved more than $1 million on network management costs after experiencing a significant decrease in illicit p2p use which had formerly consumed the overwhelming majority of the university’s bandwidth.[...]

Glazier pointed out that while there are a variety of options universities can implement to curb illegal file sharing – as well as legal online music alternatives – many universities, including many in California, have yet to act “to exercise moral leadership.” [...]

“Some universities in California offer legal music services or have implemented blocking or filtering technologies in order to protect the integrity of their networks,” Glazier pointed out. “But, the number is small compared to the total number of campuses in the state.” [...]