

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

BILL NO. 53-65

INTRODUCED BY: Donovan SECONDED BY: Christensen

A BILL TO: Establish the Hughey Fund to Assist Student Survivors of Sexual Assault

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

- WHEREAS, Sexual Assault on college campuses has been recognized by the public, the student body, and the federal government as a national problem; and,
- WHEREAS, The learning environment of a survivor of sexual assault can be made hostile, if required to share that same learning environment with the attacker; and,
- WHEREAS, Students who are sexually assaulted face costs not shared by the average student, whether such costs are financial due to the need to seek counsel and care, or emotional costs resulting from trauma, or physical costs from the act of assault; and,
- WHEREAS, Regardless of the circumstances surrounding the assault, the legal status of the incident, or whether or not the victim has reported the incident or filed a Title IX claim, individuals who have been sexually assaulted should be supported by the community and its institutions; and,
- WHEREAS, The MSU Sexual Assault Program is involved in assisting survivors, and the agents thereof are the most familiar with the costs imposed on survivors, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) allocates \$12,000 to establish a fund, to be used by counselor's working with survivors of sexual assault to supply cash grants or to make third party payments on behalf of students of no more than \$1,500 per person per academic year, assisting with covering the costs of being a survivor; furthermore, be it
- RESOLVED, The MSU Sexual Assault Office shall also collect data on the allocations to grant recipients, to be reported to the General Assembly for the purpose of oversight; furthermore, be it
- RESOLVED, Employees of the MSU Sexual Assault Office, or survivors who have familial relations with employees of the MSU Sexual Assault Office, shall be ineligible for these allocations.

INTRODUCED ON _____ 03/30/17 _____

REFERRED TO Finance **COMMITTEE ON** 03/30/17 _____

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN _____ **DATE** _____

