ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

BILL NO. 53-29

INTRODUCED BY: Noffsinger SECONDED BY: White

A RESOLUTION TO: Advocate for Michigan House Bill No. 5949

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, College affordability is one of the greatest challenges facing Americans as the costs of attending college has been shifted toward students over the past thirty years; and,

WHEREAS, The cost of college textbooks has dramatically increased since the 1970’s as between 1977 and 2015 the costs rose at more than three times the rate of inflation, a 1,041 percent increase; and,

WHEREAS, This issue affects Michigan State University students as recently reported on by The State News in addition to Michigan State University’s Office of Financial Aid indicating in their Sample Budget for students that students should set aside $1,076 each year; and,

WHEREAS, Representative Lee Chatfielded (R-107) of the Michigan State House of Representatives has introduced House Bill No. 5949, a bill that would allow taxpayers or a dependent of a taxpayer to claim a tax credit for the costs of textbooks in a given year; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University support House Bill No. 5949 and other subsequent legislation that seeks to make college more affordable by lowering the costs of textbooks.

INTRODUCED ON 11/10/2016

REFERRED TO Policy COMMITTEE ON 11/10/2016

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN SENT TO GA DATE 11/10/2016

COMMITTEE ACTION X Voice-Unanimous 11/10/2016

PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN X Voice- Majority 11/17/2016

PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

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