

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

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION

BILL NO. 54-25

INTRODUCED BY: Wise

SECONDED BY: Colpoys

A BILL TO: Allocate \$2,000 to the #ElectHER training to encourage women to run for student government positions.

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, Women make up a mere 24.9 percent of all state legislators nationwide¹ and 19.8 percent of the United States Congress (with 22 women [22 percent] in the United States Senate, and 84 women [19.3 percent] in the House of Representatives²); and,

WHEREAS, Young men are more likely than young women to be socialized by their parents and encouraged by their peers to think about politics as career path³; and,

WHEREAS, In this body, Associated Students of Michigan State University, two-thirds of the elected college representatives in the General Assembly are men and one-third are women⁴, while, as of Fall 2017, women comprise 51.6% of Michigan State University's total undergraduate population⁵; and,

WHEREAS, Only two out of six members, or one-third, of the Office of the President are women; and,

WHEREAS, Having more gender diversity in governing bodies at all levels not only brings different perspectives and approaches to some of the most pressing issues on campus; it also helps change societal norms and understandings about who can lead and what the qualities of a leader are; and

WHEREAS Women's participation in collegiate student government has long-term implications for participation in electoral politics; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, ASMSU will allocate \$2,000 from the General Fund to fund the #ElectHER training, which seeks to encourage more women to run for student government positions and participate further in civic life, that will take place on February 17th, 2018, with the funds being used to cover the program costs, food, and promotional materials.

¹ Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

² Source: Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University

³ Girls Just Wanna Not Run: The Gender Gap in Young Americans' Political Ambition—
American University School of Public Affairs

⁴ Source: Associated Students of Michigan State University website

⁵ Source: MSU Facts

INTRODUCED ON _____ 01.25.2018 _____

REFERRED TO Finance COMMITTEE ON 01.25.2018

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN Sent to GA DATE Feb.01.2018

COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>		<u>6-3-0</u>	<u>Jan.25.2018</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE	DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>		<u>33-1-1</u>	<u>Feb.7.2018</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE	DATE



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