

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SIXTY-FIRST SESSION**



BILL NO. 61-110

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A BILL TO: Advocate for the Implementation of “Course Marking”

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, When courses open for enrollment in SIS (Student Information System), a lot of them do not cite specific course materials (such as textbooks, access codes, and more) in their descriptions. Most materials, along with their costs, are introduced on the first days of the student's classes after they have enrolled; and,

WHEREAS, This causes many students to stress and scramble to figure out how to cover these costs, taking away from their academic achievement and focus on the actual course. This may also lead to students dropping courses and/or avoiding others that may be important to them graduating; and,

WHEREAS, While these unknown costs are potentially harmful to all students' financial well-being, they are especially dangerous to those who are from low-income backgrounds, are first-generation students, and more, who may not have others to further support them; and,

WHEREAS, Establishing costs and prices of course materials through course marking at the time of picking classes for enrollment will allow the student to make the best possible choice for their personal situations, while also encouraging professors to lower the costs associated with their classes and/or materials; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for MSU to implement “Course Marking” in SIS to increase the transparency of course material costs for students, especially those who face financial barriers; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, That students are given the option to search MSU courses based on material cost to ensure that they have the best information to make decisions on how to navigate the price of tuition and better plan the payment of those costs¹.

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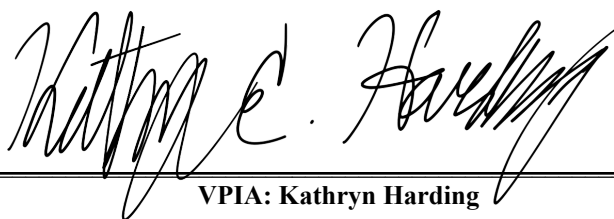
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¹ <https://www.utrgv.edu/textbook-affordability-project/course-marking/index.htm>
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