

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



BILL NO. 61-117

INTRODUCED BY: Sparks (CSS)

SECONDED BY: Jaafar (JMC)

CONTRIBUTORS: Freshman Class Council

**A BILL TO: Advocate for Extending the Hours of the Owen Dining Hall for the
2025-2026 Academic Year**

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The Owen Dining Hall (Thrive at Owen) is the only dining facility serving the River Trail Neighborhood at Michigan State University; and,

WHEREAS, “Thrive at Owen” is the only dining hall on campus that is Certified Free From™ the Major 9 allergens (egg, fish, milk, peanuts, sesame, shellfish, soy, tree nuts, and wheat), as well as gluten, providing a critical dining option for students with dietary restrictions; and,

WHEREAS, Students and staff have been informed that “Thrive at Owen” will not operate on weekends during the 2025-2026 academic year, a departure from its 2024-2025 schedule when it was open from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on weekends; and,

WHEREAS, The closure of “Thrive at Owen” on weekends would significantly limit dining accessibility for an entire neighborhood of students, particularly those with severe food allergies, potentially forcing them to seek food options outside of Michigan State University, thereby increasing both financial and logistical burdens; and,

WHEREAS, Maintaining and extending the current weekend hours would better accommodate students’ needs, ensuring consistent access to safe and inclusive dining options; and,

WHEREAS, Rather than implementing reduced dining plans of those affected, MSU Live On should prioritize ensuring adequate dining accessibility for students with dietary restrictions; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for extending the operating hours of “Thrive at Owen” to include weekend service, ensuring continued access to safe and inclusive dining options for students in the River Trail Neighborhood and those with dietary restrictions.

INTRODUCED ON 03.27.2025

REFERRED TO N/A **COMMITTEE ON** _____

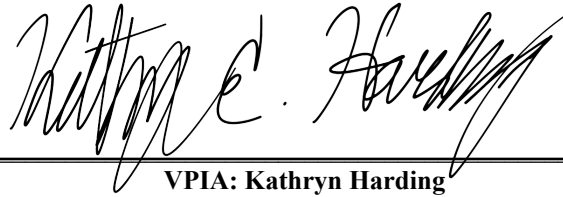
SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN Added to Agenda **DATE** 03.25.2025

COMMITTEE ACTION _____
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FINAL ACTION TAKEN X **Voice Majority** 03.27.2025
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PRESIDENT: Connor Le



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