

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



BILL NO. 61-44

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**A BILL TO: Advocate for a Circular Economy Institute at Michigan State
University**

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, A circular economy is a model of production and consumption that aims to reduce waste and extend the life cycle of products¹ through various processes such as reuse, remanufacturing and recycling²; and,

WHEREAS, The Circular Economy Institute is responsible for engaging in research, teaching, and outreach efforts on circularity to serve as a leader of efforts to mitigate the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with a linear economic approach of material use and waste³; and,

WHEREAS, In 2023, there was 66.5 tons of waste per person in Michigan landfills⁴; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is a top 10 state for landfill methane production⁵, contributing to the advancement of climate change and poor health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Michigan will dispose of \$6.2 billion to \$8.3 billion of marketable material through its municipal solid waste stream by 2035⁶; and

¹ <https://climatepromise.undp.org>

² <https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org>

³ <https://ced.msu.edu>

⁴ <https://static1.squarespace.com>

⁵ <https://landfills.edf.org/#americas-landfills>

⁶ <https://misbf.org/circular-economy>

WHEREAS, The education sector plays a critical role in ensuring students are equipped with the skills and knowledge to apply circular thinking in their careers⁷; and

WHEREAS, Michigan State University's Green Campus goal ensures the university will continue making sustainability a critical part of campus culture and research⁸; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for MSU to implement a Circular Economy Institute within the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development that is to be funded through the Michigan solid waste management fund and shall speak with administrators and legislators in support of the initiative; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, That the ASMSU Vice President for Governmental Affairs shall talk to legislative connections to have this initiative supported at the state level; and let it be further,

RESOLVED, That the ASMSU leadership shall bring this advocacy point to MSU administrative leaders.

INTRODUCED ON 12.05.2024

REFERRED TO Policy **COMMITTEE ON** 11.21.2024

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN _____ **DATE** _____

COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>		Voice Majority	<u>11.21.2024</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE	DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>		Voice Majority	<u>12.05.2024</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE	DATE

	
PRESIDENT: Connor Le	VPIA: Kathryn Harding

⁷ <https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org>

⁸ <https://strategicplan.msu.edu/strategic-plan/stewardship-sustainability/story-green-campus>