

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



BILL NO. 61-62

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A BILL TO: Advocate for Michigan State University to Implement a Sustainability Fee into Students' Tuitions Starting Fall 2025

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of Michigan State University serves to “promote the health and wellness of undergraduate Spartans” and “address the unique needs and concerns of the student community”; and,

WHEREAS, Western Michigan University introduced and successfully implemented a semesterly sustainability fee into students' tuition which is allocated towards projects and programs with a sustainable focus. WMU's primary focus was to give students autonomy over funds which is decided by the Student Sustainability Grant Allocations Commission (SSGAC) and is 100% student-led¹; and,

WHEREAS, Washtenaw Community College created a Center for Sustainability which aims to foster students' connectedness with sustainability as well as collect data through surveys for the betterment of sustainability initiatives on campus²; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan State University must develop and implement more robust sustainability plans across its campus. While the university has earned a Gold rating from the AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) STARS program, which evaluates overall campus sustainability, and a Silver rating for individual buildings through the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, these achievements are only a starting point. MSU's sustainability efforts should continue to evolve, ensuring that future projects are aligned with the university's long-term environmental goals; therefore,

¹ [Western Michigan Sustainability](#)

² [Washtenaw Community College Sustainability](#)

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for the implementation of a 2 dollar sustainability fee to be included in students' semesterly tuition and solely dedicated to furthering sustainability practices and the development of sustainable projects, ideas and incentives with the intention that this will be primarily student led; therefore be it further,

RESOLVED, The fee composition will be as following: Out of the \$2 semesterly fee, \$1 will be committed to the Office of Sustainability, \$0.50 will be committed to the Associated Students of Michigan State University's Director of Sustainability, and the remaining will be committed to a grant dedicated for student-led sustainability projects; therefore be it further,

RESOLVED, That the ASMSU standing Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee will be tasked with allocating funds towards grants specifically for sustainability projects, discussing Michigan State sustainability initiatives, as well as advocate for student voices regarding sustainability following the implementation of the sustainability fee.

INTRODUCED ON 01.30.2025

REFERRED TO Academic **COMMITTEE ON** 01.23.2025

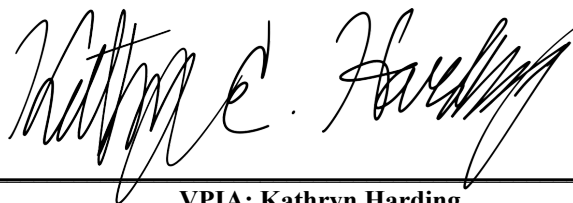
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COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>		Voice Majority	<u>01.23.2025</u>
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FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>		Voice Majority	<u>01.30.2025</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE	DATE



PRESIDENT: Connor Le



VPIA: Kathryn Harding