

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 70-05

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70th Session
Texas A&M University**

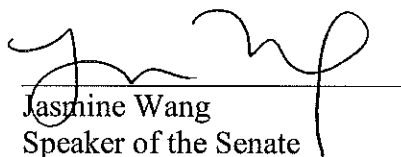
Introduced By: Senator Connor Hull, Off-Campus Caucus
Colton Slaten, Legislative Relations Commission
Aaron Humphrey, Legislative Relations Commission
Brandon Gindt, Vice President of Legislative Relations Commission

Sponsored By: Chair Katina Economides, Legislative Affairs, Off-Campus
Senator Jillian Haug, Off-Campus Caucus
Senator Samuel Evans, Off-Campus Caucus
Senator Jerry Ramirez, Off-Campus Caucus
Senator Sam Stegall, College of Education Caucus
Chair Anne-Marie Wolff, Academic Affairs, Off-Campus Caucus


Action Taken

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Certified By:


Jasmine Wang
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

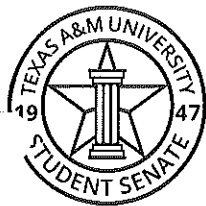

Bobby Brooks
Student Body President

Open Source Textbook Bill

"A bill aiming to decrease the cost of textbooks "

Whereas(1): Textbooks purchased by full-time or part-time students enrolled at an institution of higher education including, but not limited, to private and public colleges and universities, online universities, junior-colleges, as defined by Section 60.003 of the Education Code and located within the state of Texas can be a painful financial burden on said students; and,

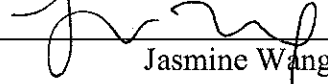
Whereas(2): Purchasing or renting new or used textbooks for required or recommended textbooks or instructional materials all constitute an additional cost for many working tertiary students; and,



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Whereas(3): Open Source Textbooks provide professors an alternative, inexpensive, and customizable textbook option that maintains the integrity of a hard copy textbook: and,

Whereas (4): The State of Texas and Texas A&M University have a vested interest in alleviating such financial burdens and effective disincentives from higher education for Texas Aggies and all Texans in general, especially when such burdens and disincentives are levied by the state itself.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That the Student Government Association pursue action towards the campus-wide adoption of open-source textbooks to reduce the amount of money spent by students on recommended or required textbooks; and,

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(2): That professors be made aware of the incentives of implementing open-source textbooks such as the Student Government Association Textbook Award; and,

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(3): That the legislative ideals in this document be regarded as the will of the Texas A&M University Senate and Student Body; and

Therefore

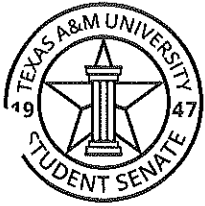
Let it be

Enacted(4): That the Legislative Relations Commission of the Texas A&M Student Government Association should undertake lobbying efforts as necessary to convey this will; and,

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(5): That a copy of this bill be sent to:
John Sharp '72, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System



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Michael Young, President of the Texas A&M University

Michael O'Quinn, Texas A&M Vice President of Government Relations

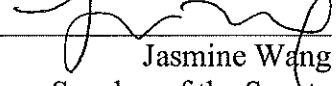
Dr. Bruce Herbert, Director of Scholarly Communication at Texas A&M Libraries

Dean David Carlson, Texas A&M University Libraries

Texas State Senator Charles Schwertner, District 5

Texas State Senator Paul Bettencourt, District 7

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Texas State Senator Kirk Watson, District 14

Texas State Representative John Rainey, District 14

Texas State Senator Charles Perry, District 28

Texas State Representative J.M. Lozano, District 43