

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 73-06

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The Student Senate
73rd Session

Student Health Fee Cap Bill

"A bill supporting a Fee Cap Increase for Student Health Services"

Action Taken:

PASSED

Certified By:

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Zachary McCue
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: November 18, 2020

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Approved:

Handwritten signature of Eric Mendoza in black ink.

Eric Mendoza
Student Body President

Introduced By: Cedrick Mattli, Vice President, Legislative Relations Commission
Josh Feldman, Legislative Relations Chair, Off Campus Caucus
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Sponsored By: Brogan Gunia, Off Campus Caucus
Bryan Marin, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Science
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Ximena Reynoso, College of Liberal Arts
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Whereas(1): Texas A&M Student Health Services exists to advance student development and academic success by providing personalized and evidence-based healthcare to Aggies; and,

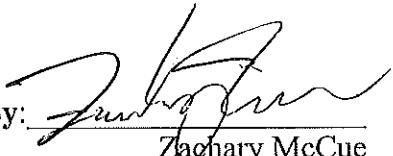
Whereas(2): 70% of Student Health Services' funding comes from the Student Health Fee (SHF), while the remaining 30% of funding comes from medical services



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revenues such as medical office visits, ambulance runs, lab tests, x-rays, etc¹;
and,

Whereas(3): As the current Student Health Services building, A.P. Beutel, currently stands, internal renovations are estimated to cost \$12 million over the next 5-10 years²;
and,

Whereas(4): Greater Student Health Services' funding is also needed for the hiring of additional staff, to maintain and expand patient care for pre-existing services, due to increasing student enrollment; and,

Whereas(5): In Fall 2018, the SHF increased to \$75 per semester, hitting its legislative cap;
and,

Whereas(6): The SHF cap is controlled by the Texas State legislature, and was last changed in 1995 when the Texas A&M student population was 41,790³; and,

Whereas(7): An increase to the SHF cap will allow Texas A&M's Student Health Services greater flexibility in the future to adjust due to increasing student enrollment and the creation of necessary services related to COVID-19; and,

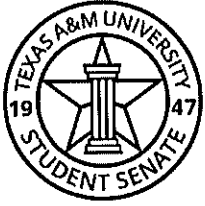
Whereas(8): The division of student affairs has engaged in numerous projects that will uplift our campus, and better the aggie community; and,

Whereas(9): Following an extensive renovation on both the MSC and Rudder tower, there was a 2.2 million dollar loss in revenue due to COVID-19 according to the division of student affairs.

¹ Texas A&M University Student Health Services 2018-2019 Annual Report

² Texas A&M University Student Health Services 2018-2019 Annual Report

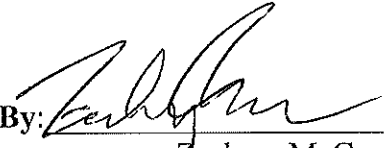
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Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): First, the student body and its student leaders recognize the essential role that Student Health Services has on our campus in providing accessible, affordable health services to Texas A&M University; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(2): Second, the student body and its student leaders acknowledge that the responsibilities of Student Health Services have dramatically increased in the wake of this global pandemic; and,

Let it be

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Enacted(3): The Texas A&M Student Senate would like to request that the Texas State legislature increase the SHF cap from the current \$75 to \$200; and,

Let it be

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Enacted(4): The Texas A&M Student Senate would like to request that the Texas State legislature increase the University Center Fee Cap; and,

Let it be

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Enacted(5): The legislative ideals within this document be regarded as the will of the Texas A&M Student Body as well as the Texas A&M Student Government Association; and,

Let it be

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Enacted(6): The the Legislative Relations Commission of the Texas A&M Student Government Association is tasked and given authority in advocating for this bill and the ideals outlined within it on behalf of the Texas A&M Student Body; and,

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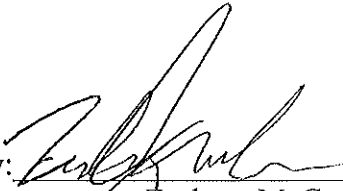
Enacted(7): That a copy of this resolution be sent to:



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