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SR 200-001 Support of the Textbook Cost Transparency Act

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Whereas, HB10 and SB13, or the Textbook Cost Transparency Act, requires University of Alaska courses to clearly identify all required course materials and identify which course materials are zero-cost in their description in the online course schedule; and

Whereas, The current lack of transparency for the costs of textbooks and other course materials makes the actual cost of taking a class uncertain and prevents students from being able to make an educated decision about which classes to take; and

Whereas, Textbooks and course materials represent just one of the many costs associated with attending college; and

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks exists to represent the interests of the UAF student body; and

Whereas, ASUAF believes that education is a human right and supports the removal of all barriers to education; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That ASUAF calls on the 32nd Alaska Legislature to pass HB10 and SB13; and be it further

Resolved, That ASUAF calls on Governor Mike Dunleavy to sign the Textbook Cost Transparency Act into law if it passes the Alaska Legislature; and be it further

Resolved, That ASUAF sends a copy of this resolution to: Governor Mike Dunleavy, Speaker Louise Stutes, Senate President Peter Micciche, Members of the

House Finance Committee, Members of the House Education Committee, Members of the Senate Education Committee, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee.; and be it further

Resolved, That ASUAF send a copy of this resolution to: The Board of Regents,
President Pat Pitney, Vice President of University Relations Michelle Rizk,
Vice President of Academics, Students, and Research Paul Layer, State
Relations Director Chad Hutchison, Chancellor Dan White, Provost Anupma
Prakash, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
Owen Guthrie, and Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Julie Queen.

Purpose: To support the Textbook Cost Transparency Act

Fiscal impact: None

Vote:

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