



**SENATE BILL #2674**

**TITLE:** Defining Title as a Way to Determine the Intent of a Piece of Legislation

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**AUTHOR:** Senator Welsh

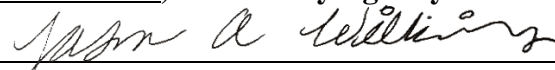
**SPONSORS:** Senators Anselmi-Stith, Conard, Mulhall, Rubano, St. Marie; Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the ASUW Rules and Procedures Article 6, Section 6.01, Subsection 6 states
4. “During debate, no Senator may propose any amendment that contradicts or changes the
5. intent of the original legislation”; and,
6. WHEREAS, current precedent uses the title of the legislation to define intent, but intent is
7. not defined in any of the ASUW Student Government working documents; and,
8. WHEREAS, the author has the ability to make the title as descriptive or ambiguous as they
9. see fit; and,
10. WHEREAS, without an explicit definition of “intent,” the author has the ability to declare if
11. an amendment changes the intent, giving unchecked power to the author on the floor; and,
12. WHEREAS, this amendment would clearly define intent and provide clarity when amending
13. pieces of legislation in times of contention without requiring the ASUW Judicial Council to
14. make a ruling.
15. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
16. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Rules and Procedures be amended to reflect
17. the changes in Addendum A; and,
18. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this bill take effect immediately upon passage.

Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Passage: 10/29/2019 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ 

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 10/30/2019, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action.” \_\_\_\_\_ 

ASUW President

## Addendum A

### Article 1. Legislative Action

#### Section 1.01 ASUW Legislative Process

1. Bills and resolutions may be submitted by any fee paying student. All bills and resolutions must be sponsored by no less than two (2) Senators of the ASUW Senate, who are not authors, or by an ASUW standing committee. Students-at-Large, ASUW Programs or Services, and Recognized Student Organizations may also sponsor legislation. Regardless of their fee paying student status, members of the Judicial Council may not author or sponsor legislation due to their association.
2. Bills and resolutions must be read in no less than two (2) Senate meetings by the ASUW Marshal before passage.
3. Upon referral to a standing committee by the Steering Committee, an ASUW Executive shall advertise the ASUW bill or resolution on at least one social media platform. The advertisement must contain the following information: the name of the bill or resolution, a neutral brief description, the name of the committee to which the bill or resolution has been referred, the name of that committee's chairperson, and the email address or other contact information of the committee chairperson. If multiple bills or resolutions are referred by the Steering Committee at a single time, one advertisement may be used to advertise multiple bills or resolutions. Appropriate links to all ASUW bills and resolutions should be included in any advertisement.
4. The bill or resolution shall be read the first time by the ASUW Marshal and the ASUW Vice President shall immediately report the committee(s) to which the bill or resolution has been referred by the Steering Committee. There shall be no debate following the first reading.
5. Committee procedures for handling bills, resolutions, hearings, and other committee business shall be determined by Committee Rules and Procedures established in Article VI, Section 2.
6. After being reported out of committee, the ASUW Vice President shall place the bill or resolution on the agenda and it shall be read a second time and recommendations of the committee(s) shall be given by the chairperson(s) of the committee(s) to whom it was assigned. The bill or resolution is now open for debate and subject to amendments. During debate, no Senator may propose any amendment that contradicts or changes the intent of the original legislation. Intent of legislation shall be derived from the title. The title may not be amended after the legislation is submitted.