

SENATE RESOLUTION #2159

Title: **Student Purchase of Renewable Energy through Optional, Opt-in Student Fee**

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Sponsors: **Senators Clay and Wilson**

1. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming used 50,037,600 kilowatt hours of
2. electricity during Fiscal Year 2006; and
3. WHEREAS, of the quantity, the University of Wyoming Union used
4. 1,729,800 Kilowatt hours; and
5. WHEREAS, the electricity is produced primarily by coal-burning power
6. plants; and
7. WHEREAS, fossil fuel production of the amount of electricity used by the
8. University of Wyoming in Fiscal Year 2006 emitted approximately 50,038
9. tons of carbon dioxide, a primary greenhouse gas; and
10. WHEREAS, wind energy is clean, effective, affordable, and renewable; and
11. WHEREAS, offsetting the energy needs of the Wyoming Union with wind
12. energy would offset 1,730 tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually; and
13. WHEREAS, 100-Kilowatt hour blocks of wind energy can be purchased
14. from Rocky Mountain Power, the University of Wyoming's utility
15. distributor, through the Blue Skies QS Program; and
16. WHEREAS, there is demonstrated student support for the purchase of wind
17. energy evidenced by a petition drive in Spring 2006 and an interest survey
18. conducted in Fall 2006 referenced in Addendum A; and
19. WHEREAS, the passage in 2005 of Senate Resolution #2125 by the

20. Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) indicated
21. commitment on the part of the student body to sustainability on the campus of
22. the University of Wyoming; and
23. WHEREAS, Senate Resolution #2125 recommended an increase of
24. mandatory student fees by the amount of \$0.52; and
25. WHEREAS, upon consultation with the University of Wyoming
26. administration an opt-in fee was deemed to be in compliance with University
27. regulations and procedures.
28. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of
29. Wyoming (ASUW) support further research of an optional, opt-in student fee
30. of an optional amount of either \$1 or \$5 per semester for FY'08; and
31. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that if the optional, opt-in student fee is
32. implemented, the revenue shall be used to purchase wind energy as follows,
33. (1) to offset the energy needs of the Wyoming Union and (2) any remaining
34. funds shall offset other on-campus buildings of the University of Wyoming;
35. and
36. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that if the optional, opt-in fee is
37. implemented, the fee shall be assessed each semester by ASUW; and
38. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that this opt-in fee shall be sent to the
39. Student Fee Committee for further review.

Referred to: Student Fee Committee

Date of Passage: December 5, 2006

Signed: _____


Rebecca Johnson

(ASUW Chairperson)

UNANIMOUSLY

“Being enacted on December 7, 2006, I do hereby sign my name

hereto and approve this Senate action.”


ASUW President