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**SENATE BILL #2758**

**TITLE:** Articles of Impeachment Against Senator Zayne Cooper

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**AUTHORS:** Senator Wilkins; Vice President Anderson

**SPONSORS:** Senators Laverell, Rhymes, Talamantes

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner
3. possible; and,
4. WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 7.03 of the ASUW By-Laws outlines the process for the
5. impeachment and removal from office for members of the ASUW Student Government;
6. and,
7. WHEREAS, the inability to “fulfill their duties of office” is cited as an impeachable
8. offense of any member of the ASUW Student Government by Article 7, Section 7.03 of
9. the ASUW By-Laws; and,
10. WHEREAS, at the beginning of the 109th administration of the ASUW, the ASUW
11. Steering Committee determined that the absence policy would dictate that no Senator
12. may accumulate more than three (3) unexcused absences over the course of their
13. term; and,
14. WHEREAS, Senator Zayne Cooper of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
15. has accumulated six (6) unexcused absences; with three (3) unexcused absences from
16. ASUW Senate meetings and seven (7) unexcused absences from ASUW committee
17. meetings; and,
18. WHEREAS, Senator Zayne Cooper has thus failed to fulfill the duties of their office
19. through violation of the senatorial absence policy as prescribed by the ASUW Steering

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20. Committee; and,
21. WHEREAS, attendance and participation in the ASUW Legislative Branch are the most
22. basic and necessary responsibilities of all ASUW Senators; and,
23. WHEREAS, Senator Zayne Cooper has been called before the Steering Committee
24. to discuss their absences from both Senate and assigned standing committees; and,
25. WHEREAS, Senator Zayne Cooper has neglected to attend any hearings or reply to any
26. communications from the ASUW Vice President; and,
27. WHEREAS, Senator Zayne Cooper was asked to resign but did not respond to said
28. request; and,
29. WHEREAS, it is our duty as members of the ASUW Senate to pursue impeachment and
30. removal from office of Senators who fail to uphold their duties and responsibilities.
31. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
32. (ASUW) Student Government that this bill shall serve as the official charge of
33. impeachment against Senator Zayne Cooper; and,
34. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that upon passage of this bill by a minimum
35. two-thirds (2/3) majority of the ASUW Senate that a trial of impeachment shall be
36. held immediately thereafter; and,
37. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the trial shall be held in accordance with the
38. process outlined by Article 7, Section 7.03 of the ASUW By-Laws.

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

**Date of Passage:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Signed:**\_\_\_\_\_

**(ASUW Chairperson)**

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

**ASUW President**

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