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SENATE BILL #2862

TITLE: Clarifying Sponsor Requirements for Legislation
DATE INTRODUCED: February 28, 2023
AUTHOR: First-Year Senator Meester
SPONSORS: Senators Ewalt and Hennigar; Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith

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 6, Section 6.01, Clause 1 in the ASUW Rules and Procedures is
5. both outdated and uses unclear language in its execution such as, “All bills and
6. resolutions must be sponsored by no fewer than two (2) Senators or ex-officio members
7. of the ASUW Senate as defined in Article 8, section 8.01 of the ASUW By-Laws, who
8. are not authors, or by an ASUW standing committee”; and,
9. WHEREAS, this language indicates a discrepancy as to whether or not an ASUW
10. standing committee holds the power to single-handedly sponsor a piece of legislation or
11. if they are symbolic in a similar fashion to the further mentioned parties who hold no
12. legislative power in terms of sponsorship as seen, “Students-at-Large, ASUW Programs
13. or Services, and Recognized Student Organizations may also sponsor legislation”; and,
14. WHEREAS, the aforementioned clause also fails to directly specify that these parties
15. cannot sponsor legislation efficiently; and,
16. WHEREAS, Article 6, section 6.01, clause 1 of the ASUW Rules and Procedures also
17. references Article 8, section 8.01 of the ASUW By-Laws which currently pertains to

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18. suspending the By-Laws and does not in any form hold relevance regarding sponsorship.
19. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
20. (ASUW) Student Government that the Rules and Procedures be changed to reflect those
21. made in Addendum A; and,
22. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes will take effect upon the passage
23. of this legislation.

Referred to: Steering; Program and Institutional Development

Date of Passage: May 5th 2023 Signed: 

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on May 5th, 2023, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.” 
ASUW President

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Addendum A

1. Bills and resolutions may be submitted by any fee paying student. All bills and resolutions must be sponsored by no fewer than: two (2) **Senators, two (2)** ex-officio members of the ASUW Senate ~~as defined in Article 8, section 8.01 of the ASUW By-Laws,~~ (who are not authors), or by an ASUW standing committee. **Executives,** Students-at-Large, ASUW Programs or Services, and Recognized Student Organizations may also sponsor legislation; **These sponsorships, however, are unofficial and do not contribute to the sponsorships needed to steer a piece of legislation.** Regardless of their fee paying student status, members of the Judicial Council may not author or sponsor legislation due to their association. **Pro-Staff may not sponsor legislation in the interest of avoiding professional bias.**