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A Resolution to Promote College Affordability by Opposing Certain Provisions of H.B. 667 and H.B. 763, otherwise known as “the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement”

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Whereas Missouri statute currently includes exemptions for certain items from state sales tax;

Whereas section 144.517 of Missouri Revised Statutes (RSMo) currently provides that “there shall also be exempted from state sales and use taxes all sales of textbooks [...] when such textbook is purchased by a student who possesses proof of current enrollment at any Missouri public or private university, college or other postsecondary institution of higher learning...”;

Whereas H.B. 667 was introduced by Representative Warren Love on January 19, 2017, and H.B. 763 by Representative Richard Brown on January 25th, 2017;

Whereas these bills would repeal, among various other sections of the tax code, section 144.517, thus imposing the sales tax on textbooks purchased by University of Missouri System students;

Whereas such a repeal would compound the impact of continued cuts to higher education by the state government that have and will continue to put upward pressure on tuition and fees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM):

- Oppose H.B. 667 and H.B. 763 in their current form, on the grounds that it will contribute to a troubling trend by which public higher education in Missouri is made less affordable and accessible.
- Engage with legislators through the ASUM’s State Legislative program to inform supporters of the bill of the detrimental impact certain provisions of the bills will have on students.
- Make every effort to have these provisions struck from the bill through the legislative process.