Resolution To Eliminate or Limit the Use of Plastic Bags in University Housing and Dining Services Dining Centers and Stores “Plastic Bag Act”

WHEREAS University Housing and Dining Services uses plastic bags to accommodate students and other customers with their purchases in dining centers and stores.

WHEREAS The cost of living on campus through University Housing and Dining Services has been increasing to a level in which it may become a financial burden to students.

WHEREAS The use of plastic bags in University Housing and Dining Center facilities including, dining centers and stores, are wasteful and does not promote sustainability on campus.

WHEREAS The limitation or removal of plastic bags from University Housing and Dining Services facilities will potentially help decrease costs for students and University Housing and Dining Services.

WHEREAS University Housing and Dining Services employees have shown support for the removal of plastic bags from these facilities.

WHEREAS Legislation has been introduced into the State of Oregon Legislature, proposing to remove plastic bags from checkout counters in the State of Oregon.

WHEREAS University Housing and Dining Services has acknowledged that they use #2 plastic bags that are recyclable.

WHEREAS No bins or other receptacles within the University Housing and Dining Services Centers and Residence Halls are available to recycle #2 plastic bags can be found.

WHEREAS Oregon State University mission statement states, “As a land grant institution committed to teaching, research, and outreach and engagement, Oregon State University promotes economic, social, cultural and environmental progress for the people of Oregon, the nation and the world.”

WHEREAS Stated on the Oregon State University Sustainability website, “This site is an interdepartmental effort to: Provide information on how OSU is practicing and promoting sustainability on campus, serve as a “hub” to connect and enhance the visibility of
existing OSU resources, increase awareness of the need for a more environmentally sensitive, socially equitable, and economically stable culture.”

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

The University Housing and Dining Services conduct an evaluation of the cost for purchasing and the use of plastic bags in all dining facilities and stores.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:

That University Housing and Dining Services can carry a limited amount of plastic bags and charge customers for the use of the plastic bag, resulting in offset cost for these bags.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:

That if there is a revenue from the offset cost from selling plastic bags to customers, that this profit shall be used to reduce the living cost of students and/or allocate this money to reduce the prices of food and other products that these facilities offer.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:

That University Housing and Dining Services look into making sure that all facilities have reusable bags for sale and encourage their customers to limit the use of plastic bags to set an example of sustainability on campus.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

If University Housing and Dining Services decide to limit or keep full usage of plastic bags, they must evaluate the cost of purchasing bins or other receptacles that plastic bags can be recycled in.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

University Housing and Dining Services ensure they are following the Oregon State University mission on promoting sustainability.

RESOLVED THAT THIS DAY BY THE ASOSU

Sponsored By:

Nolan Nichols – Senator
Andrew Struthers – Senator
Approved by:

Kevin Schock, President of the Senate

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Paul Aljets, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Chris Van Drimmelen, ASOSU President

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________