### [DISCUSSION DRAFT]

93<sup>rd</sup> SESSION 2025-2026

#### S. B. 93 -

# A BILL TO AMEND THE COMPENSATION STRUCTURE FOR CHAIRS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

AUGUST 15, 2025

SPONSORED BY SENATOR ALEXANDER SAPORITO

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ORIGINALLY AUTHORED BY SENATOR TRAVIS TERRY

# A Binding Resolution To Amend the Compensation Structure for Chairs of Special Committees

Whereas, the 92<sup>nd</sup> Session created the Special Committee on Food Insecurity;

Whereas, the creation of this committee resulted in much confusion regarding compensation of the Chair;

Whereas, due to the less formal nature of special committees, allocating an additional stipend for the Chair of said committee is inappropriate;

Whereas, the work of a special committee should be focused on resolving specific issues with its membership consisting of Senators passionate about or otherwise well-equipped for the work of the committee;

Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students, that Addendums A be adopted;

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students, that this legislation take effect in the 94<sup>th</sup> Session;

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students, that a copy of this legislation be sent to:

- Speaker of the Senate and Chair of the Committee on Oversight, Leaf Acklin;
- Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate, Dillon Moss;
- Parliamentarian of the Senate, Jason Issa;
- Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, Travis Terry;
- Chair of the Special Committee on Food Insecurity, Alexander Saparito;
- President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat;

#### Addendum A

### **CHAPTER 402: APPOINTED OFFICERS**

**SECTION 03: OFFICIALS COVERED BY PAY SCALE** d) Level IV:

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  - 2) Speaker Pro-Tempore

1) Associate Justice

- i) The Speaker Pro-Tempore shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.
- 3) Parliamentarian
- i) The Parliamentarian shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.
- 4) Senate Committee Chairs
- i) Senators who are also Senate Committee Chairs shall receive both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.
  - ii) A Senator who serves as the chair of a special committee shall receive

both Elected Officer Level III and Appointed Officer Level IV compensation.

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## S. B. R. 93 -

# A BINDING RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF AND PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEES

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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AUGUST 15, 2025

SPONSORED BY SENATOR ALEXANDER SAPORITO ORIGINALLY AUTHORED BY SENATOR TERRY

## A Binding Resolution To Amend the Duties of and Procedures for Special Committees

Whereas, the 92nd Session created the Special Committee on Food Insecurity;

Whereas, the creation of this committee resulted in much confusion regarding the membership of the committee and compensation of the Chair;

Whereas, concerns over the effectiveness of a special committee, specifically in situations where the work on the committee to be created would be very specific, were also raised at this time;

Whereas, concerns over the effects the creation of a special committee would have on the work of the other standing committees were also raised at this time. With all committees requiring at least five senators and each Senator being required to sit on just two committees, standing or special, work would be diminished in all committees;

Whereas, due to the less formal nature of special committees, allocating an additional stipend for the Chair of said committee is inappropriate;

Whereas, the work of a special committee should be focused on resolving specific issues with its membership consisting of Senators passionate about or otherwise well-equipped for the work of the committee;

Whereas, amending the duties and procedures of special committees allows for the Senate to continue in the creation of Special Committees without the negative affects of the current structure.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students, that Addendums A be adopted;

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students, that this legislation take effect in the 94<sup>th</sup> Session;

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students, that a copy of this legislation be sent to:

- Speaker of the Senate and Chair of the Committee on Oversight, Leaf Acklin;
- Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate, Dillon Moss;
- Parliamentarian of the Senate, Jason Issa;
- Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, Travis Terry;
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- President of ASUN, Carmina Aglubat;

#### Addendum A

### **Rule XI: SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

#### a) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The formation of a Special committee may occur at the discretion of the Speaker or by binding resolution of any Senator with the approval of the Senate. The Speaker shall appoint the chairperson and other members of the Special committee, unless the motion creating the committee specifies some other method of selection. The Chair of such a committee shall not receive additional compensation for this office. The Chair of a special committee may serve in any other leadership position within the Senate except that of Speaker. Special committees shall not count for a Senator's required membership on two committees, therefore any Senator sitting on a special committee must still sit on two other standing committees.

#### b) MEETINGS AND GENERAL DUTIES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special committees shall meet at the discretion of the Chair, subject to any conditions which may be stated in the committee's formation. Special committees shall be subject to all rules governing standing committees, unless otherwise provided by law. Special committees shall be responsible for the consideration of all questions referred to them by the Senate and the preparation of legislation as directed by the Senate in their formation or subsequent instructions, and the preparation of all reports required by these Rules or deemed necessary at the discretion of the Chair.