

ASG Senate Bill No. 7

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**A Bill to Fund Masks in Dorms to Protect Students’
Health and Finances**

Whereas, Coronavirus is a global pandemic that has affected billions of people around the world; and

Whereas, Mask usage has been proven to reduce transmission of Covid-19; and

Whereas, The University of Arkansas’s policy is for students to wear masks in public at all times if social distancing is not possible; and

Whereas, The University is pushing for more face-to-face classes and students will be in public campus areas more frequently; and

Whereas, Across the University, masks are available for free, specifically in high traffic areas like the Arkansas Union to ensure that everyone has quick access to them; and

Whereas, Masks are not available at the front desk in dorms; and

Whereas, Fines for forgetting or not wearing a mask range between \$30 and \$425; and

Whereas, Many students aren’t financially secure enough to pay a fine, but still find themselves needing a mask in emergency situations; and

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate should allocate \$495 (\$450 + \$45 tax) of their legislative budget to purchase 2500 masks to be distributed to the 20 dorms based on population. For a description of dorm population and mask distribution, click ([here](#)); and

Be it further resolved:

Upon receiving these masks, dorms should provide them free of charge to students in an emergency situation; and

Be it further resolved:

Dorms will be asked to put up signs alerting students that masks are available upon request; and

Be it further resolved:

Dorms will be asked to provide notice that they are running low on masks, and the 1,000 reserve masks will be distributed when a dorm provides notice that they are running low on masks; and

Be it further resolved:

Further legislation will be brought to the floor to fund additional mask purchases when 300 of the reserve masks remain; and

Be it finally resolved:

All excess funds be returned to the Senate legislative budget.

Amendments: _____

Vote Count: Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstentions _____

Legislation Status: Passed _____ Failed _____ Other _____

Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate

Date

Julia Nall, ASG President

Date