WHEREAS, walking across the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (hereafter UWM) campus in inclement weather is a common source of complaint among students, especially during rainy periods in the academic term.

WHEREAS, many UWM students do not see the long-term economic value in purchasing a high quality umbrella.

WHEREAS, water damage to textbooks, laptops, or other personal possessions due to poor environmental conditions can prove costly to UWM students.

WHEREAS, a UWM student, Kali Knutson, has designed an umbrella sharing system (“Raincheck”), and has been working with UWM Chief Sustainability Officer, Kate Nelson, to plan a pilot program of said system.

WHEREAS, the pilot program of the Raincheck umbrella sharing system will take place at the Golda Meir Library, wherein 36 umbrellas will be available to be checked out individually (via student ID) for a maximum of one week at a time.

WHEREAS, the UWM Student Association (hereafter SA) Senate should encourage and promote entrepreneurial efforts designed to benefit UWM students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the SA Senate shall allocate up to $1150 to fund a pilot program of the Raincheck umbrella sharing system, covering the price of 36 high quality SA-branded umbrellas, one umbrella rack and accessories, marketing costs, and shipping/incidental fees.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the SA Senate formally requests a detailed presentation on the preliminary results of the Raincheck umbrella sharing system after the pilot program has ended, including data on frequency of usage and user satisfaction.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that this legislation be communicated to Facilities Manager Kim Silbersack and Associate Vice Provost Michael Doylen.

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March 21, 2019 — Drafted by Senator Kinnard.
March 24, 2019 — Considered by the SA Senate.