

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2020-31
Title: Support for Sanitation Improvements
Sponsored by: Senators for College of Engineering Kiran Sajjan Aaron Chiu
Cosponsored by: USUBOT Trustee-at-Large Ian McDonald, Former Senators-at-Large Danielle Carancho and Melisa Mejia, and Former Senator for the College of Engineering Abhishek Basavanna
Date Submitted: April 16, 2020
Date Approved: May 6, 2020

WHEREAS the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and

WHEREAS the average American uses 57 sheets of toilet paper per day, about 3.7 gallons of water per day figured for just for the manufacturing process;¹and

WHEREAS manufacturing a single roll of paper requires 140 liters of water, an estimated 3.2 million tons of toilet paper are consumed in the United States annually, which takes 54 million trees to produce this amount of paper;²and

WHEREAS President Jane Close Conoley has signed CSULB's Climate Action Plan in 2014 which states that we need to find solutions to become champions of climate-neutral lifestyles;³ ⁴and

WHEREAS bidets are common household fixtures installed in almost all households in many areas around the world such as India, Japan, various Middle Eastern countries, and various European countries; and the scarcity of bidets in the United States, which is typically easily found all over the world, causes most international students who come to CSULB to face an unforeseen cultural barrier when it comes to handling hygiene; and

WHEREAS we use water to clean all parts of our body but the dirtiest part of our body is cleaned with dry material; and the usage of bidets would reduce the risk to diseases and urogenital infections such as urinary tract infection,⁵ anal fissure, hemorrhoids, rectal prolapse, anal fistula, anal itching, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, and Crohn's disease ostomy;⁶ ⁷and

WHEREAS bidets would only consume 10% of the water compared to manufacturing of toilet paper Rolls, thereby reducing the university's global carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS a blizzard approach or a hurricane churn toward shore, and we descend on stores, buying up more batteries, bottled water and canned foods than we could use in a lifetime; and currently we're seeing the same thing again as America hunkers down against the novel coronavirus,⁸and of all of

¹ <http://www.toiletpaperhistory.net/toilet-paper-facts/toilet-paper-fun-facts/>

² <http://www.toiletpaperhistory.net/toilet-paper-facts/toilet-paper-fun-facts/>

³ https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/2014_csulb_climate_action_plan.pdf

⁴ <https://www.csulb.edu/sustainability/plans-commitments>

⁵ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5345955/>

⁶ <https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/bidet-use-on-the-rise-in-us-do-you-need-one>

⁷ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5441025/>

⁸ <https://time.com/tag/covid-19/>

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the products that are being snatched up the fastest, there's one that's in special demand: toilet paper; and

WHEREAS NCSolutions, a data and consulting firm, said online and in-store U.S. toilet paper sales rose 51% between February 24 and March 10, as buyers started getting uneasy about the growing number of virus cases, but sales rocketed a whopping 845% on March 11 and 12, as states announced lockdowns,⁹and

WHEREAS U.S. searches for "bidet" reached an all-time high in March, according to Google Trends and Tushy, which makes a \$100 bidet attachment for toilets, said its sales spiked in mid-March, hitting \$1 million in a single day, causing sales to run 10 times ahead of projections, according to Tushy;¹⁰ and

WHEREAS the amount of toilet paper the average American uses hasn't changed; it's still around 141 rolls per year (compared to 134 rolls in Germany and just 49 rolls in China, according to AlixParters); however, even small changes in buying habits can throw everything into disarray;¹¹now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that CSULB ASI recognizes that cultural barriers continue to exist and need to be addressed; and be it further

RESOLVED that CSULB ASI urges the University to ultimately work toward installing bidets in all restrooms located on campus regardless of gender; and be it further

RESOLVED that a budget is encouraged to be formed outside the CSULB ASI operating budget with the intention to allocate funding specifically to account for plumbing system requirements in order to implement this change; and be it further

RESOLVED that when a USU and SRWC renovation occurs, an adequate plumbing system will be accounted for to incorporate bidets and other alternative sanitation methods; and be it finally

RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon its approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Jane Conoley, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Ann Takemoto, incoming Vice President for Student Affairs Beth Lensen, Provost Brian Jersky, Dean of Students Piya Bose, Director of the USU and SRWC Sylvana Cicero, all current and future ASI Officers, the Daily 49er and 22 West Media.

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Leen Almahdi, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

⁹ <https://apnews.com/1b73aa024354791ec26b48f1e73e1b9a>

¹⁰ <https://13wham.com/news/nation-world/wiped-out-of-toilet-paper-heres-why>

¹¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2020/04/09/business/ap-us-toilet-paper-qa.html>

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Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

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