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7 SENATE BILL 53

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9 INTRODUCED BY
10 SENATOR LINA BEARAT, SENATOR AMAN ABERRA, SENATOR LAILA ALKAHLOUT
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12 *An act imploring human rights divestment*
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16 The Undergraduate Student Government Senate,

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18 WHEREAS, ASU aspires to be a New American University with “socially embedded” students who are
19 “engaged globally.”

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21 WHEREAS, Our investments impact conflicts and human rights situations world-wide, including the
22 Israel-Palestine conflict and the genocide in Darfur.

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24 WHEREAS, although over 300,000 have been killed in Darfur and 5.6 million civilians have fled from
25 violence, although some corporations continue to prop up the genocidal regime of Omar al-Bashir.

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27 WHEREAS, corporations continue to provide the Israeli Defense Force with weapons and militarized
28 equipment, despite the Israeli occupation being found a violation of the 4th Geneva Convention, the
29 charter of the United Nations, the principles of international law, and repeated United Nations
30 resolutions (UN Res. 3414).

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32 WHEREAS, our investments should reflect our values as an institution.

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34 WEHREAS, ASU invests over \$735 million through the ASU Foundation.

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36 WHEREAS, Other universities, including Harvard, Yale, Amherst College, Hampshire College and
37 Stanford, have divested from either the genocide in Sudan or the Israel-Palestine conflict.

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39 WHEREAS, Arizona public universities have a history of supporting divestment from human rights
40 abuses, being among the first universities to divest from apartheid South Africa in 1985.

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42 WHEREAS, Arizona State University Undergraduate Student Government has previously supported the
43 idea of socially responsible investment on campus.

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45 WHEREAS, Arizona State University Undergraduate Student Government specifically supports the call
46 for an Advisory Committee for “Socially Responsible Investing.”

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48 LET IT BE RESOLVED that Arizona State University Undergraduate Student Government supports on-
49 campus divestment from and blacklisting of corporations that are complicit in human rights abuses in

50 the occupied Palestinian Territories and Sudan. These companies include Alliant Tech Systems, Boeing,
51 Caterpillar, Motorola, United Technologies, Petrochina, China National Petroleum Company, Sinopec,
52 Oil and Natural Gas Company, and Alstom.