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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units
April 25, 2012
Senate Bill Number: SB54-11/12
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Whereas, an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a rental unit with a separate kitchen,
sleeping and bathroom facilities, attached or detached from the primary residential unit,
on a single-family home;

Whereas, legalizing ADU’s will be a helpful tool in providing additional affordable
housing units, opportunities for young families to purchase homes, help elderly
individuals to stay in their homes, a path to making current illegal units safe, and new
opportunities for our building industry;

Whereas, the vacancy rate in Missoula is approximately 3%, compared to a national
average of almost 10%;

Whereas, more than 10,000 students live off-campus in non-University owned rental
units;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM supports Councilman Taft in his pursuit of
legalizing Accessory Dwelling Units in Missoula;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM encourages Councilman Taft to secure
provisions for compliance with safety regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units.

Passed by Committee: ______________________________, 2012

Passed by ASUM Senate: ______________________________, 2012

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Travis Suzuki,                Jeffrey Edmunds,
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