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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Legislative Session**
3 **February 2, 2011**
4 **Senate Bill SB13-10/11**

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8 Whereas many students attending the University of Montana are currently registered voters of
9 the State of Montana;

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11 Where as the inclusion of a permanent absentee voter registration will allow for students to more
12 easily participate in both local and national elections;

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14 Whereas the current amendments proposed in House Bill 330 “An Act Requiring Voter
15 Registration Forms to be Standardized and to Provide an Option for Requesting to be Placed on a
16 Permanent Absentee Ballot List to Receive for Subsequent Elections” will allow students
17 registered to vote within the Missoula Area or in other locations to easily access voting material;

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19 *Whereas 26.57 percent of registered voters in the State of Montana voted absentee ballot in the*
20 *2010 election;*

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22 *Whereas a standardized voter registration voter application will help to protect the highly*
23 *mobile population of students and renters;*

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25 Whereas students will be able to more easily participate in the political process, within their own
26 communities;

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28 Whereas the system implemented by HB 330 has the possibility to increase student political
29 activity and promote responsibility for the students voting rights;

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31 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana
32 (ASUM) supports House Bill 330;

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34 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM instructs Student Lobbyist Gursky to support
35 House Bill 330.
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39 Passed by ASUM Senate with unanimous consent, February 2, 2011