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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM instructs Student Lobbyist Gursky to support House Bill 330.

Passed by ASUM Senate with unanimous consent, February 2, 2011