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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Student Health
March 16, 2011
Senate Bill SB28-10/11
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Whereas, effective education promotes and provides necessary knowledge for students to make informed decisions on life choices;
Whereas, rates of sexually transmitted infections in Montana are highest in college-aged people in Montana;
Whereas, the rates of occurrence of many sexually transmitted diseases continue to climb in Montana;
Whereas, each day three teen girls give birth in Montana;
Whereas, unplanned pregnancy oftentimes has a greatly detrimental effect on the pursuit of higher education;
Whereas, Planned Parenthood provides free presentations by trained health educators to school districts, giving students critical information about how to protect their health;
Whereas, a young person who has been educated about sexual health has greater ability to protect himself or herself from sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancy;
Whereas, HB 456 would ban groups that provide abortion services from providing even assistance unrelated to abortion assistance in sexual education, thus removing an important source of information for young people;
Whereas, HB 456 would force schools to switch to an opt-in system for sexual education, decreasing the chance young people would receive the sexual education they need to lead healthy lives;
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana opposes HB 456.

Furthermore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana instructs Student Lobbyist Jenifer Gursky to oppose the passage of HB 456.
Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2011

Passed by ASUM Senate: _____________________________, 2011

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Travis Suzuki,                                    Amanda Stovall,
Relations and Affairs Chair                      Chair of the Senate