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## SB31-10/11: Board of Regents

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Regarding Board of Regents**  
3                                   **March 23, 2011**

4                                   **Senate Bill SB31-10/11**

5                                   **Authored by: Travis Suzuki, ASUM Senator**

6                                   **Sponsored by: Jeff Edmunds, ASUM Senator, Julie DeSoto, ASUM Senator,**  
7                                   **Miranda Carson, ASUM Senator, and Patrick Rhea, ASUM Senator**

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10       Whereas the relationship between the Associated Students of The University of Montana  
11       and the Board of Regents is a mutual partnership;

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13       Whereas the Montana Board of Regents has stated that they will not talk about possible  
14       raises in tuition until after the end of the current legislative session;

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16       Whereas the 2011 Montana Legislature has *proposed to cut approximately* 32 million  
17       dollars for the Montana University System Budget;

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19       Whereas the current cuts to Higher Education have been predicted *by the Governor's*  
20       *Office and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education* to cause ~~around~~ a 16 – 19  
21       percent raise in current tuition rates;

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23       Whereas it is essential for students to be financially prepared for possible raises in tuition;

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25       Whereas students cannot be prepared if they do not have an estimate provided by the  
26       Board of Regents;

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28       Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana  
29       urges the Board of Regents to begin the necessary discussions on *the potential* tuition  
30       *hikes* with both The Montana University System's *Sstudents* and the Montana Legislature  
31       *immediately.*

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33       Therefore Let It Be Further Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of  
34       Montana urge other student governments to ask the Board of Regents to begin this  
35       discussion *immediately.*

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38       Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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40       Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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46       Travis Suzuki,  
          Relations and Affairs Chair

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46       Amanda Stovall,  
          Chair of the Senate