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Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding RE-ENERGYSE America
March 17th, 2010
Senate Bill SB23-09/10
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Sponsored by: Matthew Fennell, ASUM President

Whereas, President Obama is calling for the United States to invest $74 million in the RE-
ENERGYSE (Regaining our Energy Science and Engineering Edge) initiative;
Whereas, this initiative would provide funding to basic and applied research, innovation, and
education concerns related to clean energy technologies, and triple the number of National
Science Foundation graduate research fellowships;
Whereas, the University of Montana has strong Environmental Studies, Energy Technology, and
other science programs dedicated to world-class research;
Whereas, the University of Montana and traditional funding sources for research, such as
foundations and charitable trusts, are facing significant budget shortfalls, resulting in diminished
contributions to undergraduate and graduate research;
Whereas, investments in clean energy technology education could attract cutting edge start-ups
and established companies in the alternative energy sector, resulting in increased employment
opportunities;
Whereas, Senator Jon Tester, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Energy and Water Development, can play a strategic role in passing RE-ENERGYSE legislation,
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of University of Montana endorses
the RE-ENERGYSE campaign;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that a letter of support along with a copy of this resolution
will be sent to University of Montana President George Dennison and United States Senators Jon
Tester and Max Baucus.

Passed by Committee: __________________________, 2010
Passed by Senate: _____________________________, 2010

Andrew Dusek, Relations and Affairs Chair
Emily May, Chair of the Senate