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Resolution Regarding ASUM Transportation Fee

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Senate Bill SB24-09/10

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Whereas, all students, even those taking less than seven credits, need to access campus and currently utilize ASUM Office of Transportation (ASUMOT) bus services;

Whereas all students benefit from the other services of ASUMOT including bike ambassadors, cruiser coop, bike parking, semester bikes, trip planning on Mountain Line, rideshare services, incentives, etc.;

Whereas, all students benefit from those that take the bus by reduced congestion and cleaner air on campus;

Whereas, ASUMOT is experiencing overcrowding on buses and currently operates busses that need replacement;

Whereas, requiring all students to pay the ASUM Transportation Fee will approximately affect 770 students and raise $40,000;

Whereas, without ASUMOT, the University of Montana would have to invest heavily in more parking. This would cost students more out of pocket and reduce campus green space;

Whereas, to meet demand and to keep buses repaired, ASUMOT needs all students to pay the fee;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) supports a fee the inclusion of part-time students at The University of Montana for the ASUM Transportation Fee. All part-time students taking fewer than seven (7) credits will pay one half (50%) of the Transportation Fee paid by full-time students; to all students at the University of Montana taking one or more credits;

Let It Be Further Resolved that this fee inclusion will go into effect for the fall semester of 2010;
Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Office of Transportation will work to exclude distance learning and student teachers from this fee inclusion provided that they are taking less than 7 credits.

Passed by Committee: ____________________________, 2010

Passed by Senate: ________________________________, 2010

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