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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Student Infrastructure Act
March 19, 2014
SB70-13/14
Authored by: James Bird, ASUM Senator

Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act eliminates a distinction in existing tax law would allow tax-exempt charitable and educational organizations to make grants to non-university owned, not-for-profit student housing entities that provide collegiate student housing;

Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act would make college more affordable, at no cost to taxpayers, by offering housing alternatives that are less expensive than university housing;

Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act results in safer student housing by encouraging charitable contributions to be used for the installation of life saving equipment such as fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and alarm systems;

Whereas, there are 236 students that currently live in non-university owned, not-for-profit, student housing at the University of Montana;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana supports the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana asks the Montana Congressional Delegation of the United States Congress to sponsor the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act.

Passed by Committee: March 17, 2014

Passed by ASUM Senate: March 19, 2014
Final Vote: *Unanimous Consent*

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Sean McQuillan,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate