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SB023-14/15: Constitutional Referendum

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Resolution Regarding Constitutional Referenda
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SB023-14
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Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is the representative body for students, including students with infants;

Whereas, ASUM Childcare has received interest from students and staff of the University of Montana (UM) to create an Infant Care Program;

Whereas, experts in the childcare field have stated that there is a lack of quality infant care in Missoula;

Whereas, ASUM has committed to founding an infant care center;

Whereas, the ASUM Childcare program is in need of pay raises for misclassified staff;

Whereas, ASUM does not have enough room in it's budget to completely fund a new infant care center or update the pay scale for misclassified staff;

Whereas, a small contribution from the student body would make the formation of an infant care center and the update of misclassified staff possible;

Whereas, it is impossible for agencies to grow and continue to serve students in new ways without increases in funding;

Whereas, UM students deserve the right to vote on any increase in the fees they pay;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that referenda language is to be placed on the April 2015 ballot, reading as follows:

ASUM is requesting a $2.00 per student activity fee increase to maintain the current services offered by ASUM Childcare and to implement a new infant care center for infants aged 0-18 months, which does not currently exist at the University of Montana. Without a fee increase, the foundation of an infant care center cannot happen:

Yes, I support the increase in the activity fee by $2.00, which would enable ASUM to establish an infant care program and maintain the childcare services at current levels.
No, I do not support the increase in the activity fee by $2.00, which would enable ASUM to establish an infant care program and maintain the childcare services at current levels.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2014

Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2014

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