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1                           **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2   **Resolution Regarding HB-140**  
3   **January 28, 2015**  
4   **SB061-14/15**  
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6                           **Sponsored by: Brandon Bart, ASUM Senator**  
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8   Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the  
9   interests of the student body;

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11   Whereas, Montana has a strong tradition of hunting;

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13   Whereas, the opportunity to hunt is a draw for out of state students;

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15   Whereas, revenue generated by hunting licenses helps sustain wildlife populations;

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17   Whereas, an out of state student, as defined in Section 87-2-525, MCA, may obtain a  
18   Class B-14- nonresident college student big game combination license;

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20   Whereas, the cost for a Class B-14 nonresident college student big game combination  
21   license is currently the same as a Class AAA-combination sports license;

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23   Whereas, a Class AAA-combination sports license currently costs \$70;

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25   Whereas, House Bill 140 (HB-140) proposes changing the costs of a Class B-14-  
26   nonresident big game combination license from being linked to the cost of a Class AAA-  
27   combination sports license;

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29   Whereas, HB-140 would charge half of the price of a Class B-10-nonresident big game  
30   combination license for a Class B-14- nonresident college student big game combination  
31   license;

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33   Whereas, a Class B-10- nonresident big game combination license currently costs \$897;

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35   Whereas, the result would be an increase of \$378.50 for out of state college students to  
36   get a Class B-14- nonresident college student big game combination license;

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38   Whereas, this imposes a heavy burden on out of state students that wish to hunt;

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40   Whereas, lack of opportunity to hunt can lead to a decrease in out of state enrollment;

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42   Whereas, a decrease in out of state enrollment can lead to a decrease in revenue;

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44   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM opposes the passage of HB-140,  
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46 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that ASUM instructs its lobbyist to speak against  
47 the passage of HB-140;

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49 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that ASUM encourages the Montana Association  
50 of Students to oppose HB-140.

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52 Passed by Committee:

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54 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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57 Ryan Hazen,  
58 Business Manager

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Sean McQuillen,  
Chair of the Senate