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The Associated Students of the University of Montana

Resolution Regarding HB-140

January 28, 2015

SB061-14/15

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Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the interests of the student body;

Whereas, Montana has a strong tradition of hunting;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed by Committee:

Passed by ASUM Senate: ______________________, 2014

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Rya Hazen,    Sean McQuillen,
Business Manager    Chair of the Senate