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## SB85-14/15: Resolution Regarding Off-Campus Student Housing

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Regarding Off-Campus Student Housing**

3                                   **April 15, 2015**

4                                   **SB85-14/15**

5                                   **Authored by: Cody Meixner, ASUM Senator**

6                                   **Sponsored by:**

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

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13     Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act would make college more  
14     affordable, costing taxpayers \$148 million dollars over ten years, by offering housing  
15     alternatives that are less expensive than university housing;

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

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22     Whereas, according to Julie Bryant Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority  
23     Involvement, more than 205 students currently live in non-university owned, not-for-  
24     profit, student housing at the University of Montana (UM);

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26     Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of the University of  
27     Montana (ASUM) supports Congressional passage of the Collegiate Housing and  
28     Infrastructure Act;

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30     Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM requests the Montana Congressional  
31     Delegation of the United States Congress to support the Collegiate Housing and  
32     Infrastructure Act;

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34     Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to U.S.  
35     Senator Jon Tester, U.S. Senator Steve Daines, U.S. Representative Ryan Zinke, UM  
36     President Royce Engstrom, and Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority  
37     Involvement Julie Bryant.

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39     Passed by Committee:

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41     Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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44     Sean McQuillan  
45     Chair of the Senate

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Sarah Smith  
Relations and Affairs Chair