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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Off-Campus Student Housing
April 15, 2015
SB85-14/15
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Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act eliminates a distinction in existing tax law that 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, costing taxpayers $148 million dollars over ten years, 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 collegiate housing to be used for the installation of life saving equipment such as fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and alarm systems;

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

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

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

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

Passed by Committee:

Passed by ASUM Senate: ________________________, 2015

Sean McQuillan
Chair of the Senate

Sarah Smith
Relations and Affairs Chair