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Resolution Urging the Passage of Revenue Enhancements in the Montana State Legislature

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SB 23-17/18

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Whereas, The State of Montana is in a budget crisis, which has caused the Montana University System (MUS) to face a 12 million dollar cut as a result of the 2017 session, a 15 million dollar cut as a result of SB 261, and a potential 45 million dollar cut as a result of Governor Bullock’s recommended 10% reduction across all agencies;

Whereas, The current gubernatorial recommendation is 4.6 million dollars as a result of strategic budgeting solutions;

Whereas, The University of Montana (UM) has seen extensive budgeting measures, a 5% decrease in enrollment, a 13% increase in tuition, a sense of panic and uncertainty on campus, faculty buyouts, a decrease in amount of sections offered in certain classes, and a bare minimum level of administrative support;

Whereas, Revenue enhancements can and will alleviate the negative impacts felt by budget cuts without hurting other agencies and maintain a lower cut of 4.6 million dollars by increasing the amount of money available for allocation;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the Montana State Legislature pass all appropriate revenue enhancements and seriously consider allocating a portion of the resulting funds to the MUS;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) encourages Montana State legislators to write and sponsor bills regarding increasing revenue enhancements;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM urges that Governor Steve Bullock sign and approve appropriate revenue enhancements that are passed by the legislature;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Steve Bullock, Governor of the State of Montana; Senator Llew Jones, SD 9; Representative Nancy Ballance, HD 87; Representative Mike Hopkins, HD 92; and Representative Nate McConnell, HD 89; Mike Cooney, Lieutenant Governor of Montana; Dan Villa, Budget Director of Montana; Senator Scott Sales, President of the Montana State Senate; Senator Fred Thomas, Majority Leader of the Montana Senate; Jon Sesso, Minority Leader of the Montana Senate; Representative Austin Knudson, Speaker of the Montana House of Representatives; Representative Ron Ehli, Majority Leader of the Montana House of Representatives; and Representative Jenny Eck, Minority Leader of the Montana House of Representatives.

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