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# SB44-18/19: Resolution Regarding Medicaid Work Requirements

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The Associated Students of the University of Montana  
Resolution Regarding Medicaid and Medicaid Work Requirements  
March 13, 2019  
SB44-18/19  
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Whereas, The third legislative priority of the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) reads:

*Minimize BlueCross BlueShield premiums through legislation with a substantial nexus to student health care affordability,*

Whereas, Of those covered by Montana's Medicaid program, approximately 23.3% are of traditional college age (18-26)<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas, A work requirement for enrollment in Medicaid would exclude many full-time students who do not work;

Whereas, A draft of HB-658 sponsored by Representative Buttrey includes an exemption from the work requirement to "a full-time student enrolled in a postsecondary institution that does not offer a health care plan to students;"

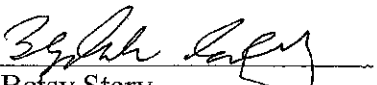
Whereas, All units of the Montana University System offers a health care plan to their students;

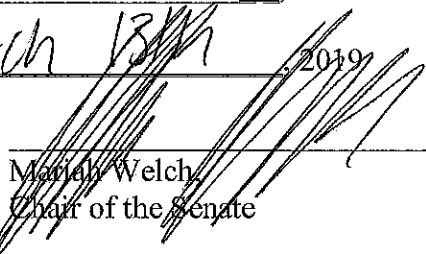
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, ASUM advocates for the expansion of the Montana Medicaid program;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, ASUM opposes a Medicaid work requirement for students of the Montana University System.

Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Passed by ASUM Senate: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

  
Betsy Story,  
Student Political Action Chair

  
Mariah Welch,  
Chair of the Senate

<sup>1</sup> Department of Health and Human Services *Expansion Enrollment Report*