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SB70-20/21: Resolution Amending the Ballot Referenda Expenditure Limit

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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending the Ballot Referenda Expenditure Limit**
3 **March 11th, 2021**
4 **SB70– 20/21**

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7 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its
8 bylaws;

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10 Whereas, ASUM places an expense limit on all campaign measures during the ASUM Elections;

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12 Whereas, The campaign limit for referenda was established years ago and the choice of limiting
13 expenses to \$300 was not made clear;

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15 Whereas, There is a need to increase the expense limit for referenda in order to achieve the
16 minimum level of turnout;

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18 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article VI, Section G (6) be amended to read:

19 *Ballot Referenda: The maximum expenditure allowed is \$600 for elections related*
20 *material clearly indicating either a stated preference to vote for the initiative or against*
21 *the initiative. This includes contributions from student groups and third parties affiliated*
22 *with said student groups that stand to directly benefit from the outcome of the ballot*
23 *referenda or have a vested interest in the outcome of the ballot referenda. If an outside*
24 *group that does not fall under the jurisdiction of ASUM spends more than \$600 on a*
25 *Ballot Referendum this bylaw can be waived by the recommendation of the Elections*
26 *Committee and a confirmation of a majority of the Senate. If an outside group that does*
27 *not fall under the jurisdiction of ASUM spends more than \$600 on a Ballot Referendum*
28 *before the Senate is able to convene then this bylaw can be waived by the*
29 *recommendation of the Elections Committee.;*

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31 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Liz Albers, Executive
32 Director of MontPIRG; Anna Reely, MontPIRG Board Chair; Cierra Anderson, Chair of the
33 Elections Committee.

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36 Passed by Committee: _____, 2021

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38 Passed by ASUM Senate: March 17 _____, 2021

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43 Noah Durnell,
44 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

Patrick James Flanagan,
Chair of the Senate

47 Cierra Anderson,
48 Chair of the Elections Committee