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**The Associated Students of the University of Montana  
Resolution Endorsing the ASUM Fee Initiatives**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**SB63B - 19/20**

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Manager;**

Whereas, During the February 19<sup>th</sup> senate meeting, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) passed two ballot referenda regarding the ASUM Student Activity Fee to voters;

Whereas, SB 59 put the question to voters on whether they support eliminating the opt in fee structure for students taking 6 or less credits to instead pay a mandatory \$35 per semester;

Whereas, Due to a number of factors, ASUM experienced a deficit which resulted in a substantial Zero-Base transfer prior to final budgeting;

Whereas, Both fee initiatives are meant to ensure ASUM receives enough revenue;

Whereas, Article VI, Section 3, Subsection N of the ASUM Bylaws allows the ASUM Senate to campaign for the passage or defeat of a referendum regarding a student-driven fee;

Whereas, Endorsing the fee adjustment amid the outbreak of COVID-19 could enhance ASUM's ability to reach the 12.5% voter turnout requirement necessary for the implementation of Constitutional Amendments and Fee Referenda, both of which are on the ballot this year;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That the ASUM Senate endorse eliminating the opt in fee structure for students taking 6 or less credits and replacing it with a rate of \$35 mandatory per semester as proposed in SB 59;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Shane St. Onge, Chair of the Elections Committee; Paul Lasiter; Vice President of Operations and Finance; Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner for Budget and Planning, Chief of Staff.

Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

Passed by ASUM Senate: March 25, 2020

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Noah Durnell, Ethan Hanley,  
Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee Chair of the Senate

Passed by ASUM Senate: 19Y, 0N, 0A