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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Temporarily Waiving ASUM Legal Services' Advising Fees for Clients with**
3 **Landlord/Tenant or Consumer Debt Disputes**

4 **March 27, 2020**

5 **SB69-19/20**

6 **Authored by: Vincent C. Tarallo Jr, ASUM Senator;**

7 **Sponsored by: Lou Villemez, ASUM Legal Director; Nicolas Ream, ASUM Senator; Will**
8 **Borghesani, ASUM Senator; Mary Melissa Glueckert, ASUM Senator; Rachana Harris,**
9 **Student-at-Large;**

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11 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana's (ASUM) Legal Services
12 Department (ASUM Legal) seeks to provide legal aid at an affordable rate to assist University of
13 Montana students facing legal troubles;

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15 Whereas, The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic lockdown has led to the closure of many
16 businesses and/or workplaces, resulting in students being fired or furloughed;

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18 Whereas, The aforementioned firings or furloughs have made it difficult for students to afford
19 necessities;

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21 Whereas, The Coronavirus pandemic has led to an increase in cases of landlord/tenant or
22 consumer debt disputes;

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24 Whereas, It is the duty of ASUM to advocate for University of Montana students;

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26 Whereas, ASUM Legal Director Lou Villemez and the ASUM Legal Board has expressed
27 interest in temporarily waiving advising fees (\$25.00) for all new cases of landlord/tenant or
28 consumer debt disputes;

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30 Whereas, The aforementioned fee waiver would greatly aid disadvantaged clients facing those
31 particular disputes as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic;

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33 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That all new cases of landlord/tenant or consumer debt disputes
34 brought to ASUM Legal have their advising fees temporarily waived;

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36 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this temporary fee waiver immediately take effect
37 upon passage of this resolution by the ASUM Senate and extend until campus fully reopens to
38 students;

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40 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to Gwen Coon, ASUM
41 Office Manager; Marlene Hendrickson, ASUM Accountant; Lou Villemez, ASUM Legal
42 Services Director.

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46 Passed by Committee: _____, 2020

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Passed by ASUM Senate: April 8, 2020

Nicolas Ream,
Chair of the ASUM Legal Board

Ethan Hanley,
Chair of the Senate

Passed by ASUM Senate: 20Y, 0N, 0A