**The Associated Students of the University of Montana  
Resolution Supporting the Governor’s Proposed Revenue Enhancements   
February 20, 2019  
SB 25-18/19  
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Whereas, The first legislative priority of the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is securing funding for the Montana University System (MUS), and decreasing the cost of attending MUS institutions through need-based financial aid and a freeze on tuition rates;

Whereas, Pursuant to his duties under Article VI, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution, Governor Steve Bullock has proposed to fund the MUS with $478,248,058 from the General Fund;

Whereas, Additional funding for need-based aid scholarships outside of the Governor’s proposed budget requires increased appropriations of $2,500,000 from the General Fund;

Whereas, Article VIII, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution prohibits the Montana State Legislature from appropriating in excess of anticipated revenue for the ensuing biennium;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, ASUM fully supports the Governor’s proposed revenue enhancements for the General Fund, specifically, increases to the accommodations and rental car taxes, increases to fees paid by investment advisors, increases to the liquor excise and retail taxes, increases to tobacco product taxes,, and other appropriate revenue enhancements that would increase the general fund and are not in contravention of student interests;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, ASUM tasks the ASUM Lobbyist, Brenna Love, with lobbying in support of these revenue enhancements.

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

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