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Whereas, the majority of students at the University of Montana live off campus and rent privately from property management companies or independent landlords.

Whereas, housing costs contribute greatly to the overall cost a student pays to attend college.

Whereas, according to the 2007 US Census population estimate Montana has 372,000 occupied housing units, 113,000, (30 percent) of which are renter occupied.

Whereas, rent is calculated to include the cost of property taxes paid on a residence.

Whereas, renters contribute approximately $785,124,000 to the Montana economy, and help fund state and local government.

Whereas, the Montana Residential Landlord Tenant Act has been amended several times since its original enactment in 1977, but remains vague in several places;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that ASUM supports legislation that clarifies the responsibilities of both parties.

Therefore Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM encourages the Missoula legislative delegation to support these legislative efforts in the 2009 session.

Therefore Let It Be Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of the Missoula legislative delegation.

Passed by Committee: ____________________________, 2008

Passed by Senate: ________________________________, 2008

Andrew Dusek,                   Siri Smillie,
Relations and Affairs Chair     Chair of the Senate