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Whereas, ASUM can actively lobby legislators to help improve the conditions of students at The University of Montana;

Whereas, having state protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression is in the best interests of all students, as discrimination is unfair in its very nature;

Whereas, the University’s own policy does not allow discrimination based on sexual orientation;

Whereas, prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity state-wide will create a feeling of safety for LGBTIQ individuals both on campus and state-wide;

Whereas, this will help to ensure that LGBTIQ graduates continue to choose Montana as the state in which they will practice their profession after graduation;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Senate instructs the ASUM Lobbyist to lobby for the passage of the bill entitled Sexual orientation and gender identity in human rights and government practices (LC1661), HB 252, or any bill serving the same purpose as the previously mentioned.

Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Lobbyist notifies interested student groups on committee, house and senate actions in regards to the aforementioned bill and any other information the Lobbyist feels pertinent.

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Committee Chair                 Chair of the Senate
Andrew Dusek                     Siri Smillie