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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Student Health**
3 **March 16, 2011**

4 **Senate Bill SB28-10/11**

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11 *Whereas, effective education promotes and provides necessary knowledge for students to*
12 *make informed decisions on life choices;*

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14 Whereas, rates of sexually transmitted infections in Montana are highest in college-aged
15 people in Montana;

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17 Whereas, the *rates of occurrence* ~~rates~~ of many sexually transmitted diseases continue to
18 ~~elimb~~ *increase* in Montana;

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20 Whereas, each day *three* ~~3~~ teen girls give birth in Montana;

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22 Whereas, unplanned pregnancy *oftentimes* has a ~~greatly~~ detrimental effect on the pursuit
23 of higher education;

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25 Whereas, Planned Parenthood provides free presentations by trained health educators to
26 school districts, giving students critical information about how to protect their health;

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28 Whereas, a young person who has been educated about sexual health has greater ability
29 to protect himself or herself from sexually transmitted diseases and *unplanned*
30 pregnancy;

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32 Whereas, HB 456 would ban groups that provide abortion services from providing ~~even~~
33 *assistance* unrelated to *abortion* ~~assistance~~ in ~~sexual~~ education, *thus* removing ~~an~~ a
34 ~~important~~ source of information for young people;

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36 Whereas, HB 456 would force schools to switch to an opt-in system for ~~sexual~~ education,
37 decreasing the ~~that~~ chance young people would ~~get~~ *receive* the *sexual* education they
38 need to ~~lead healthy lives;~~

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40 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana
41 opposes HB 456.

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43 ~~Furthermore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of~~
44 ~~Montana instructs Student Lobbyist Jenifer Gursky to oppose the passage of HB 456.~~

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48 Passed by Committee: _____, 2011

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50 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2011

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Travis Suzuki,
56 Relations and Affairs Chair

Amanda Stovall,
Chair of the Senate