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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Bills Pertaining to Student Housing/ Tenant-Landlord Laws**
3 **March 25, 2015**
4 **SB79-14/15**

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10 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the
11 interests of the student body;

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13 Whereas, the majority of students at the University of Montana live off-campus and are
14 affected by tenant-landlord laws in the state of Montana;

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16 Whereas, bills concerning tenant-landlord laws are undergoing drastic changes in the
17 Montana State legislature that will effect students off-campus;

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19 Whereas, it is ASUM’s obligation to take a stance on pertinent issues affecting students
20 at the University of Montana;

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22 Whereas, the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center and ASUM Legal Services have
23 established that additional fees, charges, and hardships may be imposed on students if
24 bills with a similar nature to SB371, SB372, and HB584 are enacted without any
25 amendments;

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27 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, ASUM opposes bills that are detrimental to students
28 regarding tenant-landlord rights, and supports bills that will benefit student renter rights;

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30 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM opposes the passage of SB371,
31 SB372, HB584;

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33 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM instructs the ASUM Lobbyist to lobby
34 on bills that would affect student renters in any capacity;

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36 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that this resolution be sent to Harry Haocheng
37 Wang, ASUM Lobbyist, Katherine Brady, Director of the ASUM Off-Campus Renter
38 Center via email.

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40 Passed by Committee:

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42 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2015

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45 Sean McQuillan
46 Chair of the Senate

Brandon Bart
Student Political Action Chair