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1                                   **The Associated Student of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Regarding ASUM Transportation Fee**  
3                                   **March 15, 2010**  
4                                   **Senate Bill SB24-09/10**  
5                                   **Authored by: Patrick Rhea, ASUM Senator**  
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11   Whereas, all students, even those taking less than seven credits, need to access campus  
12   and currently utilize ASUM Office of Transportation (ASUMOT) bus services;

13   Whereas all students benefit from the other services of ASUMOT including bike  
14   ambassadors, cruiser coop, bike parking, semester bikes, trip planning on Mountain Line,  
15   rideshare services, incentives, etc.;

16   Whereas, all students benefit from those that take the bus by reduced congestion and  
17   cleaner air on campus;

18   Whereas, ASUMOT is experiencing overcrowding on buses and currently operates  
19   busses that need replacement;

20   Whereas, requiring all students to pay the ASUM Transportation Fee will approximately  
21   affect 770 students and raise \$40,000;

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23   Whereas, without ASUMOT, the University of Montana would have to invest heavily in  
24   more parking. This would cost students more out of pocket and reduce campus green  
25   space;

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27   Whereas, to meet demand and to keep buses repaired, ASUMOT needs all students to pay  
28   the fee;

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30   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana  
31   (ASUM) supports ~~a fee~~ the inclusion of *part-time students at The University of Montana*  
32   for the ASUM Transportation Fee. *All part-time students taking fewer than seven (7)*  
33   *credits will pay one half (50%) of the Transportation Fee paid by full-time students; to all*  
34   ~~students at the University of Montana taking one or more credits;~~

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36   Let It Be Further Resolved that this fee inclusion will go into effect for the fall semester  
37   of 2010;

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39 Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Office of Transportation will work to exclude  
40 distance learning and student teachers from this fee inclusion provided that they are  
41 taking less than 7 credits.

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44 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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46 Passed by Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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Andrew Dusek,  
53 Relations and Affairs Chair

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Emily May,  
Chair of the Senate