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1                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                   **Ballot Referenda Regarding Rafter 360 Pilot Program**

3                   **April 8, 2015**

4                   **SB81-14/15**

5                   **Authored by: Ryan Hazen, ASUM Business Manager; Betsy Story, ASUM Senator**

6                   **Sponsored by:**

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8                   Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the  
9                   University of Montana (UM) student body;

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11                  Whereas, throughout the year ASUM has looked at a proposal that aims to make  
12                  textbooks more affordable;

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14                  Whereas, this would be a fee increase;

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16                  Whereas, ASUM is required to put fee increases to a student vote before ASUM can  
17                  support said fee;

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19                  Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, the following language be placed on the 2015 ASUM  
20                  ballot:

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22                  “There is a proposal brought before ASUM to combat rising costs of textbook. The  
23                  proposal would entail the following:

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25                  1) To contract with Rafter, Inc. a total value of \$21 per qualified undergraduate  
26                  student per credit hour to cover the cost of textbooks and qualified materials, plus  
27                  software and services to implement the program and would have a flat rate of \$252  
28                  for every incoming freshman taking between 12 and 21 credits per semester; for  
29                  incoming freshmen taking between 1 and 11 credits, the fee would be \$21 per credit;  
30                  for freshmen taking above 21 credits it would be an additional \$21 per credit;

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32                  2) Students would be provided with textbooks and coursework materials at the  
33                  beginning of each semester and return them at the semester’s end. A liability fee  
34                  would be implemented that would cost \$1 per credit for students taking between 1  
35                  and 11 credits, \$12 for students taking between 12 and 21 credits, and \$12 plus an  
36                  additional \$1 for each credit over 21 credits;

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38                  3) If passed, the pilot program would be implemented towards incoming freshman for  
39                  a two year period. UM would then have the option to continue or to discontinue the  
40                  contract with Rafter Inc. after this two year period.”

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43                  \_\_\_ Yes, I support implementing the proposed pilot program by Rafter Inc.

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45                  \_\_\_ No, I do not support implementing the proposed pilot program by Rafter Inc.

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49 Passed by Committee:

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51 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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ASUM Business Manager

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Sean McQuillan,  
Chair of the Senate