

The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 280
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Senate Bill SB19-10/11
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Whereas students within the Montana University System are required to possess valid insurance to attend school;

Whereas the Montana University System currently offers a fully insured group health plan as the only alternative to private insurance;

Whereas the cost of obtaining the fully insured group plan may present an affordability barrier to students wishing to attend the University of Montana or other institutions within the Montana University System;

Whereas SB 280, An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Higher Education to Develop a Self-Insured Student Health Plan for Enrolled Students of the Montana University System and Their Dependents, will provide an affordable alternative to the Group Health Plan;

Whereas SB 280 has the support of the Montana University System and the Commissioner of Higher Education;

Whereas current Montana Law only allows for self-insuring for employer-based programs;

Whereas the Self-Insured Student Plan has the opportunity to significantly reduce the insurance overhead costs;

Whereas the State of Montana will not have to shoulder the costs for the creation or implementation of the Self-Insured Program;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana endorses and supports SB 280;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana instructs Student Lobbyist Jenifer Gursky to support the passage of SB 280.

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Passed by ASUM Senate: February 16, 2011

Travis Suzuki,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Amanda Stovall,
Chair of the Senate