1	The Montana Associated Students		
2	Resolution Establishing the 2025 MAS Legislative Priorities		
3	December 12, 2024		
4	SB01-24/25		
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6	Sponsored by: Alexis Loucks, MAS President; Jacob Zink, MAS Vice President External;		
7	Logan Colberg, MAS Vice President Internal;		
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9	Whereas, The Montana Associated Students ("MAS") represents the interests of all students of the Montana University System ("MUS");		
10 11	the Montana University System (MUS);		
12 13	Whereas, MAS advocates for the wellbeing and success of MUS students;		
14 15 16	January of 2025;		
17 18 19	Whereas, MAS discusses, designs, and confirms a set of legislative priorities every two years to advance of the Legislative Session;		
20 21 22	Whereas, The policy decisions made by the Legislature will impact the academic, social, professional, and personal lives of MUS students;		
23 24 25	Whereas, MAS hires a lobbyist to advocate for MUS students at the Legislature based on the legislative priorities established;		
26 27	Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That the first legislative priority reads:		
28	Protect and maintain the autonomy of the Board of Regents		
29 30	• Protect the autonomy and authority delegated to the Board of Regents pursuant to Article X, Section 9;		
31	 Protect and maintain the Student Regent position on the Board of Regents; 		
32 33	 Maintain and improve student access to the Board of Regents and Montana Associated Students; 		
34 35	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the second legislative priority reads:		
36	Duoteet and in energy state funding for the Monter a University System		
37 38	Protect and increase state funding for the Montana University System Protect and increase General Fund Appropriations and other funding for the		
39	Montana University System;		
40	 Protect and increase funding and opportunities for scholarships and financial 		
41	aid;		

42 43	• Secure funding for items on the Long-Range Building Plan for the Montana University System;		
44 45	 Limit any increases of college tuition, fees, and expenses and generally ensure affordability of higher education; 		
46 47 48	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the third legislative priority reads:		
49 50 51 52 53 54	 Uphold the Constitutional rights and institutions relating to students Retain the right of individual privacy granted under Article II, Section 10 and reinforced by Montana Supreme Court precedent and Constitutional Initiatives; Uphold all other rights and institutions of the Montana Constitution when relevant to students; 		
55 56 57 58	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the Lobbyist will carry out the duties of that position in accordance with these MAS legislative priorities, giving precedent to higher-priority items unless otherwise instructed or permitted by the MAS President ("President") and/or MAS;		
59 60 61	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the Lobbyist may lobby on items not covered by these MAS legislative priorities if instructed or approved to do so by MAS by Resolution;		
62 63 64 65	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That in cases of short notice or time constraint, the Lobbyist may lobby on items not covered by these MAS legislative priorities if instructed or permitted by the President;		
66 67 68 69	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the Lobbyist will seek guidance from the President in any instances when priorities are unclear or conflicting, or when any other questions or concerns arise;		
70 71 72	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That MAS authorizes the President and the Lobbyist to advocate on behalf of MUS and its members;		
73 74 75 76	Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That these priorities shall serve as the official legislative priorities of MAS for the 69 th Session of the Montana State Legislature.		
77 78 79	Passed by MAS:	, 2024	
80 81	Logan Colberg,	Alexis Loucks,	