

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-FOURTH SENATE
SESSION
DATE**

**RESOLUTION #4406
LEGISLATION SUBMISSION PROCESS**

SPONSORED BY: PJ Seel, Senator Engineering; Usman Bandukda, Assistant Director Student Services; Anthony Snyder, Senator Graduate School; Andrei Gurau, Senator CVMBS; Jessica Teal, Senator Health and Human Sciences; Kelsey Bigham, Senator Intra-University; Spencer Nolan, Senator Liberal Arts

WRITTEN BY: Clayton King, Senator Liberal Arts; Andrew Bondi, Recruitment & Retention Officer

ENDORSED BY: External Affairs Committee; Rioux Jordan, Deputy Chief Justice

WHEREAS

Section 201 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University states that:

“The Senate shall have the power to initiate and enact any legislation necessary and proper under this Constitution.”; and,

WHEREAS

Section D of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate states that:

“A bill or resolution may be authored by any individual or entity affiliated with Colorado State University. Said bill or resolution shall be considered by the Senate, when sponsored by at least two [2] senators and two [2] additional members holding floor rights in the Senate.”; and,

WHEREAS

Section F of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate states that:

“All bills and resolutions shall have two [2] readings, except supplemental funding bills, which shall have one [1], and constitutional amendments, which shall have three [3]. A bill or resolution, except a constitutional amendment, may be voted upon at the same session at which it introduced if it is placed on emergency status by a two-thirds [2/3] vote of the Senate. No legislation, barring those on emergency status or supplemental funding in nature, is amendable during

its first reading session, except by unanimous consent. This shall not bar the Senate from making amendment suggestions before such legislation is sent to committee.”; and,

WHEREAS

Section G of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate states that:

“All resolutions that are in support of a CSU related program that are to be put on the ASCSU Electronic Plaza Marquee require only one [1] reading, forgoing the need to be put on emergency status. Upon passage, these resolutions shall be forwarded on to the Vice President for approval. If the Vice President feels that the said resolution is in violation of the rule governing the Marquee, they may exercise a Vice Presidential Veto.”; and,

WHEREAS

Section I of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate states that:

“After the first reading, presentation, ten [10] minutes of question and answer time, and a discussion and debate period, the bill/resolution will then be moved to an internal ASCSU committee of the Speaker’s choice, unless said piece of legislation requires only one reading or there is a motion to place it on emergency status.”; and,

WHEREAS

Section O of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate states that:

“All bills and resolutions, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or these bylaws, shall require a single majority vote for passage, where the majority is of the present voting membership excluding abstentions.”; and,

WHEREAS

“Emergency Status” has a negative “doom-impending” connotation; and,

WHEREAS

The legislation submission process has traditionally been handled by Senate Leadership with little guidance to aid in ensuring consistency between administrations; and,

WHEREAS

It has been the duty of Internal Committees to aid Senators in drafting legislation; and,

WHEREAS

Internal Committees are comprised of a considerable representation of the Senate body; and,

WHEREAS

Having legislation pass through Internal Committees will expedite the legislative process by allowing a conversation to held prior to it's reading at Senate, which will aid in the reduction of clerical errors, logical fallacies and verification of legitimacy, ultimately saving time in Senate.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

Section D of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate be amended to read as:

“A bill or resolution may be authored by any individual or entity affiliated with Colorado State University. Said bill or resolution shall be considered by the Senate, when sponsored by at least three [3] senators and three [3] additional members holding floor rights in the Senate or when sponsored by at least one [1] Internal Senate Committee.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

Section F of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate be amended to read as:

All bills and resolutions shall have two [2] readings, except supplemental funding bills, which shall have one [1], and constitutional amendments, which shall have three [3]. A bill or resolution, except a constitutional amendment, may be voted upon at the same session at which it introduced if it is placed on ~~emergency expedited~~ status by a two-thirds [2/3] vote of the Senate, or a simple majority vote of the Senate if initially submitted with an Internal Senate Committee sponsorship. No legislation, barring those on ~~emergency expedited~~ status or supplemental funding in nature, is amendable during its first reading session, except by unanimous consent. This shall not bar the Senate from making amendment suggestions before such legislation is sent to committee.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

Section G of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate states that:

All resolutions that are in support of a CSU-related program that are to be put on the ASCSU Electronic Plaza Marquee require only one [1] reading, forgoing the need to be put on ~~emergency expedited~~ status. Upon passage, these resolutions shall be forwarded on to the Vice President for approval. If the Vice President feels that the said resolution is in violation of the rule governing the Marquee, they may exercise a Vice Presidential Veto.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

Section I of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate states that:

After the first reading, presentation, ten [10] minutes of question and answer time, and a discussion and debate period, the bill/resolution will then be moved to an internal ASCSU committee of the Speaker's choice, unless said piece of legislation requires only one reading or there is a motion to place it on ~~emergency expedited~~ status.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

Section O of Article IV of the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Senate be amended to read as:

All bills and resolutions upon attaining the minimum number of required readings, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or these bylaws, shall require a single majority vote for passage, where the majority is of the present voting membership excluding abstentions.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Lance Li Puma, Vice President ASCSU; Brandon Earle, Speaker Pro Tempore ASCSU; Andrew Bondi, Senate Recruitment & Retention Officer; Matt Lancto, Internal Affairs Committee Chair; Andrei Gurau, University Issues Committee Chair; and Michelle F. Crites, External Affairs Committee Chair.

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