

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-FOURTH SENATE
TWENTIETH SESSION
February 25th, 2015**

RESOLUTION #4418

The Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU) support the establishment of the Energy Audit Disclosure in Advertising program for the city of Fort Collins.

SPONSORED BY: The Committee on External Affairs; Mohamed Jefri, Senator Graduate School; Sam Block, Director, Environmental Affairs; Sam Laffey, Senator, Liberal Arts; Kelsey Silver, Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Dakota Truitt, Deputy Director, Environmental Affairs; Yunus Ozekin, Senator, CVMBS

WRITTEN BY: Steven Day, CSU Liaison for The Community for Sustainable Energy (CforSE)

ENDORSED BY: Graduate Student Council; Student Sustainability Center; Clayton King, Senator College of Liberal Arts

WHEREAS: Fort Collins has over 65,000 buildings which use 85% of Fort Collins' electricity and 82% of Fort Collins' natural gas according to the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI); and,

WHEREAS: RMI asserts that Fort Collins could reduce building energy usage by 31% and could save \$140 million dollars by 2030 by maximizing building energy efficiency; and,

WHEREAS: Building owners, particularly landlords, need an incentive to make much needed efficiency upgrades, especially in areas surrounding the CSU campus where many college students reside; and,

WHEREAS: Requiring all building owners who sell or lease their properties to disclose an energy efficiency rating from A, being the most efficient, to F, being the least efficient, on their advertisements would provide building owners a market incentive to make efficiency improvements; and,

WHEREAS: This would also provide interested purchasers or lessees valuable information regarding the expected energy costs associated with different available properties; and,

WHEREAS: This information can be particularly important to CSU students who often live in the least energy efficient housing, therefore paying the highest utility bills; and,

WHEREAS: City Council members Gerry Horak, Ross Cunniff, Bob Overbeck, and Wade Troxell have shown support for this program; and,

WHEREAS: ASCSU supports taking steps to improve energy efficiency in Fort Collins and in providing more information to prospective buyers and renters; and,

WHEREAS: This city-wide program would represent a positive first step in reducing energy inefficiencies in Fort Collins, while helping CSU students to reduce their utility bills; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That ASCSU supports the development of a city-wide program to require all building sale or lease advertisements to disclose an energy efficiency rating of A – F based on an energy audit completed by the city.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Rick Miranda, Colorado State University Provost; Dr. Tony Frank, Colorado State University President; the Colorado State University System Board of Governors; Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of Fort Collins; Bob Overbeck, City Council Member District 1; Lisa Poppaw, City Council Member District 2; Gino Campana, City Council Member District 3; Wade Troxell, City Council Member District 4; Ross Cunniff, City Council Member District 5; Gerry Horak, City Council Member District 6; Darin Atteberry, City Manager; and Kevin Gertig, Executive Director of Fort Collins Utilities.

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