

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTH-FOURTH SENATE  
SIXTEENTH SESSION  
January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Bill #4412**

**Lowering the Campaign Spending Limit**

**SPONSORED BY:** Sam Laffey, Senator Liberal Arts; Michelle Sogge, Senator Health and Human Sciences; Phoenix Dugger, Senator Liberal Arts; Kevin Walsh, Associate Senator CVMBS, Scott Ricketts, Director of University Affairs; Andrew Bondi, Senate Recruitment and Retention Officer; Mohamed Jefri, Senator Graduate Student Council; Naomi Bombardier, Senator Health and Human Sciences

**WRITTEN BY:** Andrei Gurau, Elections Manager

**ENDORSED BY:** Kevin Walsh, Associate Senator CVMBS

**WHEREAS:** The ASCSU Presidential Campaign financing limit was raised for the Spring 2014 Campaigning period in response to the LSC plaza closure and its detrimental effect on electioneering; and,

**WHEREAS:** With construction completed on the LSC and LSC plaza itself, campaign visibility will return to levels seen before the 2013-2014 school year. Allowing for effective traditional campaigning; and,

**WHEREAS:** Colorado State University has received many awards in recognition for its excellence in sustainability. These awards include but are not limited to *Princeton Review's* Green Honor Role, being ranked in the top four universities nationally for solar power by Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, being listed as one of Sierra Magazine's, "Coolest Schools", etc; and,

**WHEREAS:** Many campaign practices such as the distribution of thousands of handbills which are then thrown away are costly and environmentally unsustainable ; and,

**WHEREAS:** The excessive use of campaign funds coupled with a great decrease in in-kind

campaign capital donations rendered high spending limits economically unsustainable for many candidates; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED: That Article VIII: Campaign Finance, Section D be amended to read, “The total amount spent on or by any campaign running for President and Vice President, whether personal, donated, contributed, or imposed, shall not exceed \$1,500,”:and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED:

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to. Jason Huitt, IT Specialist; Kim Grubbs, Administrative Assistant (Jack-of-all-trades); Pam Norris, Director of SLiCE, ASCSU Advisor;

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