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**BILL #4708
Providing Funding for Fort Collins Occupancy Study**

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ABSTRACT: This bill seeks to provide funding of \$10,000 from the Senate General Discretionary Fund to the ASCSU Department of State and Local Policy budget for the purpose of contributing to an Occupancy Study conducted by the City of Fort Collins.

WHEREAS

The City of Fort Collins is seeking funding partners for a one-time Occupancy Study conducted by a third-party consultant. The study will focus on the City's existing occupancy ordinance—commonly known as the “U + Two” ordinance. The study will focus on:

1. Has the occupancy ordinance had an impact on neighborhood quality, considering there are other ordinances that control issues like noise, upkeep of yards, and general maintenance of neighborhoods?
2. Does the occupancy ordinance impact the affordability of housing?

; and,

WHEREAS

ASCSU works to promote the best interest of students to the City of Fort Collins; and,

WHEREAS

Access to affordable housing affects the ability of CSU students to live in Fort Collins, manage their finances, and ultimately, remain financially able to attend Colorado State University; and,

WHEREAS

The city's access to data regarding their occupancy ordinance would make them more able to best understand the housing needs of the entire community- including students; and,

WHEREAS

ASCSU as a whole has tried to deal with "U + Two" in the past with both petitions and studies, but has never had an opportunity to work with the City of Fort Collins itself, creating a rare opportunity for collaboration; and,

WHEREAS

This Occupancy Study would be a one-time total cost of \$78,000 to the City of Fort Collins; and,

WHEREAS

The City of Fort Collins has only begun looking for funding partners for this Occupancy Study since September 19th; and,

WHEREAS

The Senate discretionary budget has been historically utilized for funding sources that the executive branch was unable to foresee; and,

WHEREAS

ASCSU contributing \$10,000 from the Senate discretionary fund would be a fair funding contribution given the size of the Senate discretionary fund and the interest from the student body to better understand how the occupancy ordinance affects our community; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That the ASCSU Senate formally pledges to allocate up to \$10,000 of the ASCSU Senate Discretionary Budget to the ASCSU Department of State and Local Policy budget for the purpose of partnering with the City of Fort Collins for an Occupancy Study; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the ASCSU Senate pledge to allocate \$5000 minimum, and pledges to allocate the full \$10,000 upon the guarantee of the CSU Administration to match the full \$10,000 amount, and;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the funds allocated in this bill only be given to the City if the City makes the changes to their proposed study to match the wording of this bill; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the ASCSU Senate encourage questions to be asked in a neutral, non leading way in order to facilitate results that will not show bias in any direction, and;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That any funds allocated by this bill not used for this specified purpose by the end of the 47th Senate be returned to the Senate General Discretionary Fund.

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11/01/2017
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PRESIDENT JOSUÉ SILVA

11/02/2017
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