

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FIFTY-SECOND SENATE
SESSION – 14th Session
DATE – November 16, 2022**

**BILL 5207
GROOME TRANSPORTATION ACT**

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SPONSORED BY: Rithik Correa; Senator for the Office of International Programs; Clyde Nguyen; Senator for the Asian and Pacific American Cultural Center.

WRITTEN BY: Robert Long, ASCSU President; Akhil Penninti, Deputy Director of International Affairs.

COLLABORATED WITH: Charlie Williamson, Director of Diversity and Inclusion.

ENDORSED BY: Christian Kilburn, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts; Kyle Hill, Senator for the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Ben Torres-Doxey, Associate Senator for the Asian and Pacific American Cultural Center; Alonzo Cordero, Senator for the College of Business; Ava McCall, Senator for the Women and Gender Advocacy Center; Noah Burge, Director of Housing and Food Security; University Affairs Committee.

ABSTRACT: The purpose of this bill is to provide free transportation for students from Colorado State University (CSU) to Denver International Airport (DIA) through Groome Transportation Services. To fulfill the goals of this bill, it will be seeking to utilize \$7,000 from the Senate Discretionary budget.

WHEREAS

During the 51st Senate, then Deputy Director of International Affairs Sanskar Vyas worked on this project during May of 2022, which turned out to be one of the most successful projects out of that year and used over \$12,000; and,

WHEREAS

Deputy Director Penninti has had conversations with the administrative team of Groome Transportation Services and has laid out new constraints to further improve the program from last year, ensuring that it is not abused and other issues they encountered were addressed; and,

WHEREAS

Examples of abuses/issues included: individuals attempting to use the Groome Services multiple times and non-CSU students using the codes; and,

WHEREAS

Groome Services has ensured us that there is a more refined verification process to ensure that student fees aren't being misused. With this verification process, Deputy Director Penninti will be going through the reports provided by Groome's administrative team to ensure that these codes aren't being misused; and,

WHEREAS

Groome Transportation Services provides reserved seating for students with ambulator disabilities to ensure that these services are accessible to all CSU students; and,

WHEREAS

All students are provided \$80 (round trip) or \$40 (one way); if a student requires to be picked up from a residence hall, they can book the trip using the same code, but will have to pay for anything above the initial amount; and,

WHEREAS

Distribution for these services would start on December 7th, 2022 and would run until the 21st of January 2023; and,

WHEREAS

The Executive branch will be allocating \$7,000 for this service; \$2,000 from International Affairs discretionary, \$1,000 from the Diversity and Inclusion discretionary, and \$4,000 from the Office of the President discretionary; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That the 52nd Senate recognizes the need for this high demand service for CSU students, in addition to recognizing its success in the past and providing the best possible experience for the CSU students; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the 52nd Senate allocates \$7,000 from the Senate Discretionary fund to provide the services outlined and mentioned within the dates above; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That any unused funding related to this bill be reallocated to the 52nd Senate Discretionary fund by February 28th, 2023; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the 52nd Senate further enhances the CSU Community in collaboration with the Long/Sandoval pillar of Community; and;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Rick Miranda, Interim President of Colorado State University; Robert Long, ASCSU President; Nicholas DeSalvo, ASCSU Speaker of the Senate; Jessi Sholts, ASCSU Advisor; Akhil Penninti, Deputy Director of International Affairs; Charlie Williamson, Director of Diversity and Inclusion.

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November 16, 2022

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PRESIDENT ROBERT LONG

11/30/2022

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