



**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FIFTIETH SENATE  
6<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
4 NOVEMBER 2020**

**BILL 5003  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASCSU DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CAUCUS AS A  
STANDING BODY**

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COLLABORATED WITH:

SPONSORED BY: Chair Benton Roesler; University Affairs Committee,

ENDORSED BY: Ariadne Athne; Associate Senator for Student Disability Center, Jacob Valdez; Student, Mathis Quintana; Student, Nizhoni Hatch; Student, Jilda Nevarez; Student, Cindy Hoang; Student, Jasia Hill; Student, Perry Pecos-Duarte; Student, Diizhonia Stanley; Student, Hannah Taylor; President of ASCSU, Brandon Lowry; Senator for Pride Resource Center, Jackson Hunter; Senator for College of Liberal Arts, Ehret Nottingham; Senator for Multi-Faith and Belief Council, Women's Caucus, Ava McCall; Women's Caucus Chair, Bryce Hill; Student

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ABSTRACT: This bill seeks to establish the ASCSU Diversity and Inclusion Caucus as a standing caucus of ASCSU, with membership offered to all students with the particular intent of progressing diversity and inclusion initiatives across campus, by working with students from CSU, all three branches of ASCSU, student organizations, faculty/staff, and anyone who wants to be involved. The goal of this caucus is to promote a sense of belonging, equity, and a voice for every student on our campus at Colorado State University.

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**WHEREAS**

With no direct caucus on campus to foster ideas relating to diversity and inclusion, it is crucial we progress in initiatives that give every student a sense of belonging through Colorado State University; and,

**WHEREAS**

ASCSU promotes the importance of representing the student body, and to do so we must work on communicating, collaborating, and writing legislation for marginalized identities on our campus; and,

**WHEREAS**

“ASCSU advocates for students on a University, local, state, and national level...” and must demonstrate our commitment and passion to end racism, bias, and inequitable experiences towards people within our community; and,

**WHEREAS**

With ASCSU being an exclusive and harsh environment to many, this space can help not only change our campus culture, but also work to build community from within our Senate body; so,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED**

That ASCSU formally establish the ASCSU Diversity and Inclusion Caucus as an interbranch standing caucus in order to gain an avenue for collaboration for empowering a sense of belonging and writing legislation relating to diversity and inclusion initiatives; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That the ASCSU Diversity and Inclusion Caucus be formed for any student within ASCSU and not in ASCSU to join on our dedication to creating a true sense of belonging and equity for Colorado State University participants; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

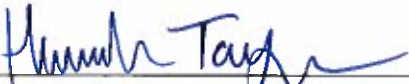
That the ASCSU Diversity and Inclusion Caucus work to create tangible legislation derived from the voices heard by the student body. Whereas, a community where all members of the student body are welcomed to voice their needs and concerns are established; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That a copy of this Legislation be forwarded to: Joyce McConnell, Colorado State University Chancellor and President; Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Mary Ontiveros, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion; President of ASCSU, Hannah Taylor; Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Merry Gebretsadik;

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**References:** <https://ascsu.colostate.edu/about/>

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