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**BILL #5012
Pride Resource Center Pilot Program
to
Increase Access to Inclusive Restroom Interactive Map**

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ABSTRACT: This legislation seeks to elevate the overall inclusivity efforts on campus by allocating a portion of the ASCSU Senate Discretionary Fund to fund a Pride Resource Center Pilot Program to place way-finding signage for gender-inclusive restroom map. Pilot Program will also focus on data collection to identify best inclusivity efforts moving forward.

WHEREAS

CSU and the 50th ASCSU Senate have adopted a clear commitment to be inclusive and affirming to the Transgender and Non-Binary communities; and,

WHEREAS

The ASCSU governing constitution states “We the Students of Colorado State University hereby establish a government by the students for the students, based upon the principles of equality and inclusivity for all...”; and,

WHEREAS

The CSU Principles of Community state “We create and nurture inclusive environments and welcome, value, and affirm all members of our community, including their various identities, skills, ideas, talents and contributions.”; and,

WHEREAS

The 50th ASCSU Senate has encouraged a collective commitment to inclusivity within the spaces we occupy as Senate members by encouraging preferred pronoun use, and we fully recognize that maintaining proper pronouns is but one step toward meeting the inclusivity needs of the CSU student body; and,

WHEREAS

CSU provides over 300 gender-inclusive restrooms throughout the main CSU campus buildings and satellite office spaces, but is still lacking inside many buildings which is a direct misalignment with the aforementioned collective commitments; and,

WHEREAS

Gender dysphoria is the feeling of discomfort or distress that might occur in people whose gender identity differs from their sex assigned at birth or sex-related physical characteristics; and,

WHEREAS

Using binary gender exclusive restrooms often trigger dysphoric episodes in trans and non-binary individuals, creating a dangerous situation regarding the mental and physical safety of CSU students; and,

WHEREAS

ASCSU members must recognize that the environment our fellow students occupy outside of the Senate chambers should be considered, evaluated, and whenever possible, improved by the ASCSU Senate through means available to them; and,

WHEREAS

Though classes are not being held at maximum capacity on campus during the COVID-19 pandemic to allow for social distancing, the buildings are unlocked and accessible during business hours, so students are still able to enter and should have inclusive restrooms available for use, and the at the very least, know where to access an inclusive restroom if one is not available within the vicinity; and,

WHEREAS

Most students are unaware of the locations of inclusive restrooms in every building; and, as such, many would benefit from easy access to the interactive map; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That the 50th ASCSU Senate body understand that the passage of this bill is not an acceptance of the current lacking of accessible gender inclusive restrooms but rather an attempt to create a more inclusive environment while continuing to improve; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the 50th ASCSU Senate allocate \$3,200 from the ASCSU General Discretionary Fund to the total cost of the signage; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the Executive Branch of the Associated Students of Colorado State University contribute 20% of the total cost of the signage, not to exceed \$500; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the total \$3,700 of collective ASCSU funds be used to purchase 40 permanent plastic signs that will include QR code that links to the inclusive restroom map. Additionally, these signs will be placed at ADA compliant heights with appropriate Braille inclusion; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the long-term facilitation of this pilot program be conducted and maintained by the Pride Resource Center Leadership Council, including data collection; communication with Facilities Management; reporting to ASCSU on progress of Pilot Program; reporting to Jessica Kramer with the IPVCC of Facilities Management; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the Fiftieth Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University officially endorse all efforts made toward creating a more inclusive environment throughout CSU; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That any money contributed by the ASCSU Discretionary Fund for this project that is not spent by the end of the 2020-2021 Academic Year be returned to the Senate Discretionary Fund for future use; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That any money contributed by the ASCSU Executive Branch for this project that is not spent by the end of the 2020-2021 Academic Year be returned to the ASCSU Executive Branch for future use; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Hannah Taylor, ASCSU President; Noah Schindler, ASCSU Vice President; Christian Dykson, Speaker of the Senate; Joyce McConnell, President of CSU; Tony Frank, CSU Chancellor; Dan Kozlowski, Assistant Director, Remodel and Construction Services; Mike Rush, Facilities Management; Drew Douglas, Project Manager; Maggie Hendrickson, Assistant Director, Pride Resource Center; Pedro Ramos, Program Coordinator; Jessica Kramer, Facilities Management;

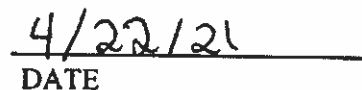
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PRESIDENT Hannah Taylor

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