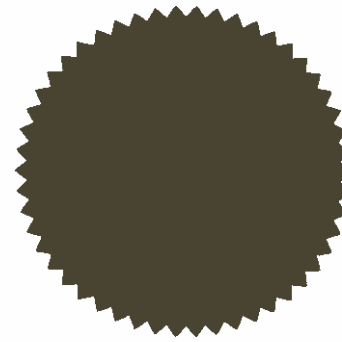


**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
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17<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
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**Bill #5016**

**Extension of Bill 5002: COVID-19 Indigenous Student's Travel Grant Sunset's Clause**

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**ABSTRACT:** This bill seeks to extend the sunset clause written into Bill 5002: COVID-19 Indigenous Student's Travel Grant. The extension of the sunset clause will allow both the Native American Cultural Center and the Associated Students of Colorado State University to allocate more resources to Indigenous students in need during the global pandemic.

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**WHEREAS**

The global pandemic of COVID-19 has had traumatic effects on all nations across the world. However, the Indigenous people have been affected the most at disproportional rates; and,

**WHEREAS**

The aftermath of COVID-19 will remain within Indigenous populations longer than the majority of the nation due to allocation of resources, support, etc; and,

**WHEREAS**

“Covid-19 has killed Native Americans at a faster rate than any other group in the United States, nearly double the per-capita death toll for White Americans and more than a third higher than that for Black residents, who also have suffered disproportionately. Recent data shows Native deaths are increasing faster than those of other groups, worsening the disparity,” (Brown, 2021); and,

**WHEREAS**

Indigenous students who are struggling due to the pandemic should be prioritized to seeking physical, mental, and spiritual care from their proper providers; and,

**WHEREAS**

Spiritual practices originate from their homelands. Within their homelands, they also seek physical and mental care as well which can be Tribal specific because of health insurance through Indian Health Services; and,

**WHEREAS**

There are still Indigenous students in need of help, and the University Administration is just now approving the use of these funds; and,

**WHEREAS**

The Winter Break of 2020, Indigenous students were stranded in Fort Collins. They then had to reach out to third parties to receive funding to be able to go back to their traditional homelands to seek the care they needed; and,

**WHEREAS**

Proper allocation and outreach of all funds will take an estimated two years, due to the process put in place from Colorado State University’s Administration; and,

**WHEREAS**

The sunset clause within Bill 5002: COVID-19 Indigenous Student’s Travel Grant states, “Any funds not allocated by the Indigenous Students Travel Grant Application Review Board as of June 30, 2021 will be returned to the Senate Discretionary Fund;” and,

WHEREAS

Bill 5002: COVID-19 Indigenous Student's Travel Grant, still has the duty and responsibility to help those and need. Thus, allocating more time within the sunset clause will allow more students to receive the help they need and deserve; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED


That the Fiftieth Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University officially agree to extend the allocation of funding from Bill 5002: Indigenous Student's Travel to June of 2023. All remaining funds will be returned to the ASCSU General Discretionary Fund; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the Indigenous Students Travel Grant Application Review Board adhere to the same Bylaws as previously established by the ASCSU Travel Grant Review Board; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That copies of the legislation be sent on to anyone interested or concerned, such as: McConnell, Colorado State University President; and Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Roe Bubar, Interim Vice President of Diversity; Ty Smith, Director of the Native American Cultural Center; Tiffani Kelly, Assistant Director of the Native American Cultural Center; Gemma Buhaenko, Chair of Budgetary Affairs Committee; Bailey Dinsdale, ASCSU Accountant; Hannah Taylor, ASCSU President; Noah Schindler, ASCSU Vice-President.

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