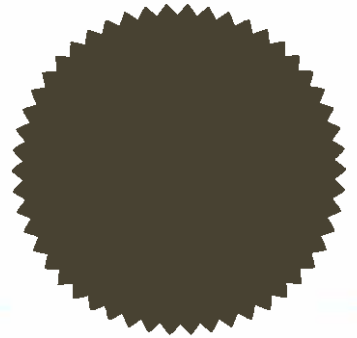


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Bill #5022
Good Neighbor Program Bill

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ENDORSED BY: Sydney Budke, Deputy Director of Academics; Peyton Dailey, Chief Justice; Bryce Hill, Deputy Director of Health; Merry Gebretsadik, Director of Diversity and Inclusion and Vice President-Elect; McKenna Daly, Director of University Affairs; Cole Fisher, Deputy Director of Traditions and Programs; University Affairs Committee;

ABSTRACT: This bill seeks to move \$125,000 from the Fund Balance to the Department of State and Local Policy discretionary budget. The \$125,000 will be spent over two years (FY22 and FY23). Thus, allowing to fund a Good Neighbor Program through Off-Campus Life to promote property manager accountability, support student renters, and provide them better guidance on which property managers are student renter friendly.

WHEREAS

Discerning between an ethical or unethical property manager is a concern many CSU students face. Many students have experienced living in apartment complexes that did not fulfill their promised amenities and leave conflicts unaddressed.

WHEREAS

Many CSU students are put in a vulnerable position when their property managers leave their concerns unaddressed. Experiencing conflicts with a property manager can impact a student's

academic success at CSU. Living in a property where you don't feel welcomed or affirmed can take a lot of mental energy away from other priorities, such as classes and relationships.

WHEREAS

There should be more resources on campus that support student renters in Fort Collins, particularly resources that support students with marginalized identities navigate the local rental market.

WHEREAS

There is not a current program at CSU that provides students direct guidance on which properties are best for students.

WHEREAS

If a local property manager technically fulfills their legal obligations, but acts in an unethical or predatory manner, CSU does not currently possess a concrete tool to hold the property manager accountable.

WHEREAS

ASCSU currently has a very healthy fund balance and is expected to have a high rollover to the next fiscal year. The authors of this bill consulted with the ASCSU Accountant to ensure that the fund balance would remain healthy after the passage of this bill.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That \$125,000 of the Fund Balance be allocated to the State and Local Policy Department Discretionary Budget to fund the Good Neighbor Program through Off-Campus Life. The \$125,000 will be spent over two years (FY22 and FY23).

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the Good Neighbor Program will set standards for property managers if they wish to be a part of the program. The property managers must demonstrate fair business practices, take reasonable and prompt action to resolve conflicts, promote responsible alcohol consumption on their property, and discourage destructive behaviors; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Off-Campus Life will work directly with ASCSU members on creating the job description for the Property Manager Liaison and official framework of the program. The Property Manager Liaison will be responsible for the Good Neighbor Program, other Off-Campus Life programming involving property managers (Housing Fair, quarterly meetings, property visits, etc.) and for proposing new revenue-generating programming involving property managers.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That in the case the \$125,000 from the Fund Balance to the State and Local Policy Department Discretionary Budget is not spent by the end of the fiscal year in 2023, all remaining funds will be returned to the Fund Balance.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Joyce McConnell, Colorado State University President; Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Tony Frank, Chancellor; Roe Bubar, Vice President for Diversity; Hannah Taylor, Student Body President; Noah Schinlder, Student Body Vice President; Lindsay Mason, Director of Off-Campus Life; comm; Jess Dyrdaahl, ASCSU Advisor; Christian Dykson, President-elect, ASCSU;

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