

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**FORTY-FIFTH SENATE**

**SESSION**

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**RESOLUTION #49##**

**In Support of Extending the CARES Act for Students**

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**ENDORSED BY:** University Affairs Committee; Ehret Nottingham, Senator, Multi-Faith and Belief Student Council; Savannah Overturf, Associate Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Isabella Van Dyke, President, Liberal Arts Dean's Leadership Council; Sara Dudek, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Marlis Hazelton, Internal Affairs Chair;

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**ABSTRACT:** This resolution aims to encourage the administration of Colorado State University to use their power and connections to put pressure on the Federal Legislature to rectify shortcomings in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act by redefining eligibility for 17 to 24 year olds so that they may receive stimulus checks despite being claimed as dependents.

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**WHEREAS**

The CARES Act contains shortcomings that exclude some of the most vulnerable populations who most require aid during this health and economic crisis; and,

**WHEREAS**

Students ageing 17 to 24, claimed as dependents, will not be eligible for the stimulus check despite many in this population being financially independent of those who claim them.

Additionally, many students in this population must continue to pay rent and fees, some in the midst of job layoffs and added expenses due to COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**

Parents and guardians who claimed students in this age group as dependents will not receive any benefit from the CARES Act in having them claimed as dependents, unlike those who are claimed under the age of 17; and,

**WHEREAS**

Experts are predicting this economic and health crisis will have a long-term impact on the 17 to 24 year old age group, and job layoffs are disproportionately affecting that population as half of this demographic works in service sector jobs; and,

**WHEREAS**

Many students are experiencing a loss in jobs as their circumstances require them to move home and many college on-campus jobs are closed.

**WHEREAS**

Representatives have been called upon to make fixes to the CARES Act and petitions are circulating to qualify 17 to 24 year olds claimed as dependents eligible for a stimulus check; and,

**WHEREAS**

Colorado State University, as a large public university, has significant power and influence and should advocate for their students' well-being during this crisis; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University formally expresses support for a fix in the CARES Act to redefine 17 to 24 year olds with the purpose of qualifying these students for a stimulus check; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University calls upon Colorado State University's administration to advocate for these views through all pertinent channels and by any plausible means, including, but not limited to, a formal letter to the Colorado Congressional Delegation expressing support for this eligibility fix on behalf of Joyce McConnell and the Colorado State University Board of Governors; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Joyce McConnell, Colorado State University President; Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Ben Amundson, Student Body President; and The Colorado State University Board of Governors

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