



**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE
UNIVERSITY**

24th SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD SENATE
1st April 2024

BILL 5325: Reamending BILL 5117

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SPONSORED BY: Claudia Paraiso, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate;

ENDORSED BY: Gavin LeCerf, Senator; Kevin Melchior, Senator, Adult Learner Veteran Services; Jorja Whyte, Director of Health and Wellness; Mitchell Meyers, Associate Senator College of Veterinary Medicine, and Biomedical Sciences; Yankoski Haleigh, Senator of Warner College; Madeleine Kamberg, Associate senator Adult Learner Veteran Services; Evan Welch, Director of Housing Security; Ashton Duffield, Director of Finance;

ABSTRACT: This bill seeks to allocate \$23,900.00 over the course of two years to the Growing Food Security project to ensure they can continue and further expand their operations.

WHEREAS

The Growing Food Security project was created with the intention to promote food security through horticultural education using hands-on experience in the establishment, maintenance, and distribution of freshly grown produce. The program was started by graduate students seeking to help the community during the pandemic, and has since expanded to include all CSU students, faculty, and staff; and,

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Growing Food Security is a volunteer-based effort. Participation from all departments is welcome as we aim to strengthen the connection and knowledge base between our community and the food we consume. The opportunities provided by this program afford students, faculty, and staff a new understanding of the food system- from production to harvest to transportation to consumption - that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. This knowledge and understanding of our current food system will empower individuals to provide for themselves and their communities into the future; and,

WHEREAS

The Growing Food Security project has developed in tandem with Rams Against Hunger and their operations, growing food for Rams Against Hunger, feeding CSU students, staff, and faculty since 2020. In the four years of operation since 2020, Growing Food Security has grown and donated over 30,000 pounds of fresh produce, equivalent to about 90,000 servings of fruits and vegetables, and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University students deserve access to affordable (free in this case) and healthy foods. In a study conducted by the Rams Against Hunger food pantry findings concluded that 29% of Colorado State University students face food insecurity at some point throughout the duration of their time spent at the university.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED/ENACTED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University allocate \$23,900.00 from the 53rd ASCSU Senate General Discretionary budget to the Growing Food Security project to be allocated in increments of \$11,950 per year through the 2024-2026 school years to fund the budget items outlined below:

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Growing Food Security Annual Budget (FY 2024-2026)					
BUDGET	Quantity	Units (Quantity)	Price	Notes	Cost
Seeds and Seedlings					
High yield, certified and hybrid seed	100	seed packets	\$5		\$500
Seedlings, wholesale and local	3000	seedlings	\$1.30		\$3,900
Greenhouse space					
Bench space (Plant Growth Facility)	1	months	\$120	\$120 per bench	\$120
Field Preparation					
ARDEC South Land Fee	1	acre	\$700		\$700
Plastic Row Prep	1	prep	\$500		\$500
Tending to Crops					
Work Gloves	20	Gloves	\$5		\$100
Garden Tools	20	Tool sets	\$25		\$500
Flags, Twine, misc	1	Misc	\$250		\$250
Fertilizer	5	Bags	\$50		\$250
Discretionary (extra tools, supplies, etc.)	1		\$195		\$195
Weeding					
Volunteer support	21	Dinners	\$185		\$3,885
Weed control	1		\$500		\$500
Harvest					
Harvest Bins	10	Bins	\$25		\$250
Education Events					
Print Material	1	Event	\$300		\$300
TOTAL					\$11,950.00
TOTAL OVER 2 YEARS					\$23,900.00

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED/ENACTED

That the Growing Food Security team will present a yearly report to the ASCSU Senate, outlining progress made within the project, including how the money supported their efforts and how those efforts supported students. This report will be facilitated by the Food Security Specialist in ASCSU, or Director of Health in the event there is no Food Security Specialist; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED/ENACTED

That the ASCSU Food Security Specialist and/or Director of Health will work with the Growing Food Security team in the 2024-2026 school years to determine whether more financial support is necessary; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That any funds allocated from this bill not used by the Growing Food Security Team by the end of fiscal year 2029 be returned to the ASCSU fund balance.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That a copy of this Legislation be forwarded to: Amy Parsons, President of Colorado State University, Tony Frank, Chancellor of the CSU System, Blanche Hughes, CSU Vice President for

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Student Affairs, Ben Schrader, ASCSU Advisor , Evan Welch, ASCSU Advisor ,JoAnn Cornell, Director of the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center, Duan Ruff, Director of the Black/African American Cultural Center, Arron Escobedo Garmon, Director of El Centro, Maggie Hendrickson, Director of the Pride Resource Center, Tyrone Smith, Director of the Native American Cultural Center, Justin Dove, Director of the Student Disability Center, Desirae McCutchen, ASCSU Accountant, Tim Kefalas, SLiCE Accountant

**PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT OF Bill 5325: Reamending
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SESSION OF PASSAGE

Yays-Nays-Abstentions

Unanimous

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DATE:4/24/2024

ASCSU PRESIDENT NICK DESALVO

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RESOURCES

Use this section to place any relevant citations and/or resources used in the producing of this legislation.

THAT THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO

Amy Parsons, President of Colorado State University
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Blanche Hughes, CSU Vice President for Student Affairs
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