



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

28th SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SENATE

4/23/2025

**Resolution #5430
Calling for a Tuition Cap for Nonresident Students**

NOTICE: *A signature to sponsor means that you only wish for the legislation to be heard, a signature to endorse means that you support the contents and/or actions of this legislation.*

WRITTEN BY: Jared McGlothlin, Senator, College of Engineering; Ava Wilkins, Director of Governmental Affairs

COLLABORATED WITH:

SPONSORED BY: Legislative Strategy Advisory Board

ENDORSED BY: Jelicity Luna, Senator, Student Disability Center; Braxton Dietz, ASCSU Vice President; Giovanni Falbo, Senator, College of Liberal Arts;

ABSTRACT: *This resolution calls for the Colorado State University System Board of Governors to not raise non-resident tuition by more than 4% for the 2025-2026 academic year.*

WHEREAS,

The continuously increasing cost of living in Colorado creates major challenges for many students, with tuition increase only adding on to the problem; and,

WHEREAS,

Colorado currently has the 16th most-expensive resident tuition amongst US public universities, and the 9th most-expensive nonresident tuition; and,

WHEREAS,

Additional student fees and living expenses push the annual cost for nonresident students to over \$58,000; and,

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WHEREAS,

As a land grant university, Colorado State University has an obligation to provide accessible and affordable education opportunities; SO,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University call for the Colorado State University System Board of Governors to keep increases to nonresident tuition below 4% for the 2025-2026 academic year; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University stand firmly in support of keeping the cost of higher education affordable for all students at Colorado State University; and,

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That the Associated Students of Colorado State University fully endorse and sign on to the attached letter written by the Legislative Strategy Advisory Board; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Colorado State University System Board of Governors; Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University; Tony Frank, Chancellor, CSU System; Blanche Hughes, Vice President, Student Affairs; Ben Schrader, ASCSU Advisor; Jason Huitt, ASCSU Advisor; Elisa Randazzo, ASCSU Administrative Assistant; Jakye Nunley, ASCSU President-Elect; Joseph Godshall, ASCSU Vice President-Elect; JoAnn Cornell, Director of the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; Duan Ruff, Director, Student Leadership Involvement and Community Engagement; Dr. Jennifer Molock, Interim Director, Black/African American Cultural Center; Nina Askew, Interim Director, Black/African American Cultural Center; Aaron Escobedo Garmon, Director, El Centro; Maggie Hendrickson, Director, Pride Resource Center; Tyrone Smith, Director of the Native American Cultural Center; Victoria Benjamin, Director, Survivor Advocacy & Feminist Education Center; Education Center; Justin Dove, Director, Student Disability Center; Mary Ann Lucero, Executive Director, Academic Advancement Center; A. Alonso Aguirre, Dean of the Warner College of Natural Resources; Jacob Roberts, Interim Dean of the College of Natural Sciences; James Pritchett, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences; Kjerstin Thorson, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Allen Robinson, Dean of the Walter Scott Jr. College of Engineering; Sue VandeWoude, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Lisa Youngblade, Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences; Beth Walker, Dean of the College of Business; Kauline Cipriani, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence;

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PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT OF RESOLUTION 5416

SESSION OF PASSAGE

28th Session of the 54th Senate

Yays – Nays – Abstentions

Passed via voice vote



4/25/2025

ASCSU SPEAKER OF THE SENATE HAYDEN TAYLOR

DATE



4-25-25

ASCSU PRESIDENT NICK DESALVO

DATE

RESOURCES:

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

Letter to the Board of Governors

Dear Members of the Colorado State University System Board of Governors,

We are writing to respectfully urge the Board to keep any tuition increases for non-resident students under 4% across the Colorado State University System.

As the cost of higher education continues to rise, affordability has become a serious concern for students and families across the country. Colorado currently ranks sixteenth in the nation for highest in-state tuition at \$13,100 and ninth in the nation for non-resident tuition at \$35,900.

At Colorado State University, resident students are estimated to pay \$13,373 in tuition and fees, with a total cost of attendance reaching \$34,684 per year. Non-resident students face

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even steeper costs, paying an estimated \$34,752 in tuition and fees and a total yearly cost of \$58,566. These numbers are well above the national averages, which hover around \$11,610 for resident tuition and \$29,084 for non-resident tuition.

College is becoming increasingly unattainable for many students, leading to difficult decisions about whether a four-year degree is financially viable. Graduates are leaving school with crippling debt, and many students are being steered toward more affordable technical or trade programs instead of pursuing four-year degrees. According to the National Student Clearinghouse, enrollment in vocational-focused community colleges rose 16% last year to its highest level ever. Experts largely attribute this trend to the escalating costs of four-year universities and the prospect of underpaid professional careers following graduation.

As a land-grant university, Colorado State University was founded to provide accessible and affordable education for all students. It is imperative that the University continues to uphold this responsibility by ensuring that higher education remains within reach for both in-state and out-of-state students alike. Limiting tuition increases is not just a financial decision; it is a reaffirmation of CSU's foundational commitment to access and equity.

In light of these challenges, we urge the board to acknowledge the financial strain that further tuition increases, especially for non-resident students, could impose. Keeping tuition increases under 4% would be a meaningful step toward maintaining access to quality education and ensuring that Colorado State University remains competitive, inclusive, and true to its land-grant mission.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. We deeply appreciate the work you do to guide the CSU system and support our students.

Best Regards,

The Associated Students of Colorado State University

THAT THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO:

Colorado State University System Board of Governors

Amy Parsons, President of Colorado State University

Tony Frank, Chancellor of the Colorado State University System

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

Evan Welch, Talent Development Specialist, ASCSU Advisor

Lindsay Mason, Director of Off-Campus Life, ASCSU Advisor

Ben Schrader, Director of the Adult Learner and Veteran Services, ASCSU Advisor

Jason Hewitt, ASCSU Advisor

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