

BILL 5522 – Growing Food Security Funding Extension



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

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Bill #5522
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COLLABORATED WITH:

SPONSORED BY: Jelicity Luna, ASCSU Director of Governmental Affairs; Lauren Davis, ASCSU Director of Basic Needs; Fiona Miller, Senator, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; Claire Pickerel, Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Ellie Lutz, ASCSU Senate Speaker Pro Tempore; Matthew Grenier, Senator, College of Business; Eveline Rivera, Senator, College of Agricultural Sciences; Miriam Hill, Chair, Women and Social Justice Caucus, Associate Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources

ENDORSED BY: Jakye Nunley, ASCSU President; Andrew White, ASCSU Chief of Operations; Ferrin Jaudon, ASCSU Senate Recruitment and Retention Officer, Associate Senator, Pride Resource Center; Victoria Quesada-Stoner, Chair, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Claire Vandeventer, Chair, Housing Caucus; Sierra Whiteman, Graduate Researcher, Atmospheric Science; Ryer Roberts, Senator, College of Agricultural Sciences; DEI Committee;

ABSTRACT: *This bill allocates \$25,000 from the Senate Discretionary Fund to extend ASCSU support for the Growing Food Security student-run farm*

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WHEREAS (1),

The Growing Food Security (GFS) 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 expanded to include all CSU students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS (2),

GFS is a volunteer-based effort, with approximately 100 students, staff, and faculty contributing to the project throughout the year. Participation from across the university is a key part of fulfilling the program’s goal of strengthening the connection and knowledge base between community and food supplies. This program creates opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to develop a new understanding of the greater food system, starting from production to harvest to transportation and finally consumption. The knowledge and understanding provided by this program allow for individuals to be better equipped to provide for themselves and their communities in the future; and,

WHEREAS (3),

GFS works with the CSU Office for Basic Needs to provide fresh produce for the Rams Against Hunger food pantry. In the past three years, the project has produced approximately 10,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables per year. Thanks to new efficiency initiatives by the experienced leadership team and closer collaboration with CSU ARDEC staff, GFS has more than doubled production: growing and donating 23,000 pounds of high-quality, fresh produce this 2025 season alone. This brings the project cumulative total of 57,000 pounds of produce donated over six growing seasons; and,

WHEREAS (4),

The 2023 Student Basic Needs Survey for Colorado State University from the Hope Center (2023) found that 65% of respondents experienced at least one of the following: food insecurity, housing insecurity, or homelessness, highlighting the need for food security resources in the CSU community; and,

WHEREAS (5),

The estimated annual costs for funding this program are as follows:

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THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (3)

That any unspent funding allocated by this bill shall return to the Senate Discretionary Fund on June 30th, 2028; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (4)

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University; Tony Frank, Chancellor, CSU System; Marion Underwood, Provost & Executive Vice President, Colorado State University, Blanche Hughes, Vice President, Student Affairs; Kauline Cipriani, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence, Office of the President; Mike Ellis, Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the Lory Student Center, Student Affairs; Pamela Norris, Associate Executive Director Engagement and Talent Development, Student Affairs; Ben Schrader, Director, Adult Learner and Veteran Services, ASCSU Advisor; Duan Ruff, Director, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement; Julia Pratt, Assistant Director for Student Government, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement; Farah Shah, ASCSU/SLiCE Accountant, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement; Ali Raza, Assistant Director of Involvement, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement; Elisa Randazzo, ASCSU Administrative Assistant; Ryan Barone, Assistant VP for Student Success, Division of Student Affairs; Craig Chesson, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, Division of Student Affairs; Jody Donovan, Associate Vice President, Division of Student Affairs; Mike Ellis, Associate Vice President, Division of Student Affairs, Executive Director, Lory Student Center; Laurel Halsey, Executive Director, CSU Health Network; Mari Strombom, Executive Director, Housing and Dining Services; Josh Maxwell, Director of University Housing; Housing and Dining Services; Adam Sargent, Director of General Counseling Services, CSU Health Network; Penny Gonzales-Soto, Director, Student Legal Services; Michael Buttram, Basic Needs Manager, Rams Against Hunger; Jennifer Van Norman, Director, Student Case Management; Colleen Webb, Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs, Dean of the Graduate School; Gaurav Harshe, Interim Director, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; John Miller IV, Director, Black/African American Cultural Center; Aaron Escobedo Garmon, Director, El Centro; Maggie Hendrickson, Executive Director, Cultural Resource Centers, Director, Pride Resource Center; Tyrone Smith, Director, Native American Cultural Center; Imani Lindberg, Interim Director, Survivor Advocacy & Foundational Education Center; Justin Dove, Director, Student Disability Center; Carolyn Lawrence-Dill, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences; Chris Pires, Department Head of Soil and Crop Sciences; Amy Taylor, Senior Director, Accessibility Center;

**PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT OF BILL 5522
SESSION OF PASSAGE**

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Yays – Nays – Abstentions*

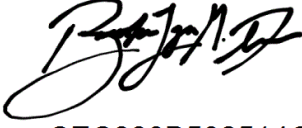
*Passed Unanimously

ASCSU SPEAKER OF THE SENATE BROOKELYN REESE

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ASCSU PRESIDENT JAKYE NUNLEY

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Signed by:


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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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