

BILL 5540—FUNDING THE CSU LAVENDAR CABINET



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

22nd SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SENATE

02/25/2026

BILL #5540
Funding the CSU Lavender Cabinet

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: Angel Hernandez, Senator, Pride Resource Center; Blake Simpson, Senator, Pride Resource Center;

COLLABORATED WITH: The Pride Resource Center; The Pride Leadership Collective;

SPONSORED BY: Budgetary Affairs Committee

ENDORSED BY: Grace Pratt, Associate Senator, Native American Cultural Center; Victoria Quesada-Stoner, Chair, ASCSU Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Ferrin Jaudon, ASCSU Speaker Pro Tempore; Diana Diggs, ASCSU Senate Public Relations Officer; Cassidy Mendoza, Senator, Native American Cultural Center; CJ Ahlmann, Associate Senator, Student Disability Center; Andrea Flores, Senator, El Centro; Belen Farfan, Senator, Academic Achievement Center; Kristina Rodriguez, Senator, Academic Achievement Center; Killian Garnand, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Enock Monanti, Chair, ASCSU Student of the Oval Caucus, Associate Senator, Black/African American Culture Center; Erin Yalung, Associate Senator, APACC; TJ Esquibel, Senator, ALVS; Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee; University Affairs Committee;

ABSTRACT: *This bill allocates \$7,500 from the Senate discretionary fund to the Lavender Cabinet for the 2026 spring/summer semesters. The cabinet provides gender-affirming garments, hygiene products, and more.*

WHEREAS (1),

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Students choose to enroll at Colorado State University for the resources offered by university, such as the Lavender Cabinet which provides gender-affirming garments, hygiene products, period products, first-aid products, HRT support items, harm-reduction tools, and more; and,

WHEREAS (2),

Colorado State University’s population is ever-growing and ever-changing, meaning our institution has ever-growing responsibilities to address; and,

WHEREAS (3),

Trans and queer folk have repeatedly been under attack by the federal administration in the past year; and,

WHEREAS (4),

The Supreme Court has upheld a Tennessee state ban on affirming healthcare treatments on transgender youth in 2015, *US v. Skrmetti*; and,

WHEREAS (5),

The Lavender Cabinet supports the entire Colorado State University student body through the resources they provide, specifically impacting the queer community; and,

WHEREAS (6),

Transgender and non-binary youth face higher rates of anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation, as reported by The Trevor Project; and,

WHEREAS (7),

Gender-affirming care helps transgender and queer individuals feel better supported mentally, shown by gender-affirming school environments being correlated to lower rates of attempted suicides of the trans and queer community, as reported by The Trevor Project; and,

WHEREAS (8),

Gender-affirming garments and resources can be extremely costly, difficult to obtain, and could expose students to the potential harms of obtaining the resources. The Lavender Cabinet solves these issues and allows students to take the resources anonymously; and,

WHEREAS (9),

Colorado State University’s Principles of Community for Inclusion states, “We create and nurture inclusive environments and welcome, value, and affirm all members of our community, including their various identities, skills, ideas, talents and contributions.”; and,

WHEREAS (10),

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Colorado State University’s Principles of Community for Social Justice states, “We have the right to be treated and the responsibility to treat others with fairness and equity, the duty to challenge prejudice and to uphold the laws, policies and procedures that promote justice in all respects”; and,

WHEREAS (11),

The Pride Resource Center takes recommendations on future products to be added to the Cabinet, meaning the resources of the Lavender Cabinet reflect the needs of the student body; and,

WHEREAS (12),

ASCSU has historically funded the Lavender Cabinet through the Senate Discretionary Fund; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (1)

That the Senate Discretionary Fund allocates \$7,500 to the Pride Resource Center, for the purpose of funding the Lavender cabinet for the spring and summer semesters for the student access that it provides; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (2)

The Pride **Resource** center will use these funds to purchase and provide gender-affirming materials (i.e., trans tape, binders, gaffs, etc.) and other resources for the Lavender Cabinet so students have access to said resources and other requested materials; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (3)

If the total allocated funds are not used up by June 30, 2027, the remainder shall return to the Senate Discretionary Fund; 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

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Engagement, ASCSU Advisor; Elisa Randazzo, ASCSU Administrative Assistant; Warner College Council; Ag Council; College of Liberal Arts Representative Council; Natural Sciences College Council; College of Health and Human Sciences Dean’s Leadership Council; College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences College Council; College of Business Dean’s Student Leadership Council; Lisa Chandler, Assistant Director, Adult Learner and Veteran Services; Kathleen Fairfax, Vice Provost, International Affairs, Colorado State University; Chad Hoseth, Assistant Vice Provost, International Affairs, Colorado State University; Greg Wymer, Director, International Student Scholars and Services; Mary Ann Lucero, Executive Director, Academic Advancement Center; Elizabeth Sink, Lead, Multifaith and Belief Initiatives; 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, 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; Amy Taylor, Senior Director of the Accessibility Center;

PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT OF BILL #5540
SESSION OF PASSAGE

Yays - Nays - Abstentions*

*Passed Via Voice Vote

ASCSU SPEAKER OF THE SENATE BROOKELYN REESE

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3/5/2026

Signed by:



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ASCSU PRESIDENT JAKYE NUNLEY

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Signed by:



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RESOURCES:

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The Trevor Project. (2024). 2024 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People. <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2024/>

United States v. Skrmetti, Oyez, <https://www.oyez.org/cases/2024/23-477> (last visited Feb 11, 2026).

THAT THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO:

Amy Parsons, President of Colorado State University
Tony Frank, Chancellor of the Colorado State University System
Marion Underwood, Provost and Executive Vice President
Blanche Hughes, Vice President of Student Affairs
Kauline Cipriani, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence
Mike Ellis, Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Lory Student Center
Pamela Norris, Associate Executive Director Engagement and Talent Development
Ben Schrader, Director of the Adult Learner and Veteran Services, ASCSU Advisor
Julia Pratt, Assistant Director for Student Government of Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement
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Ali Raza, Assistant Director of Involvement for Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement, ASCSU Advisor
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Elisa Randazzo, ASCSU Administrative Assistant
Warner College Council
Ag Council
College of Liberal Arts Representative Council
Natural Sciences College Council
College of Health and Human Sciences Dean’s Leadership Council
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences College Council
College of Business Dean’s Student Leadership Council
Lisa Chandler, Assistant Director of Adult Learner and Veteran Services
Kathleen Fairfax, Vice Provost of International Affairs for Colorado State University
Chad Hoseth, Assistant Vice Provost of International Affairs for Colorado State University
Greg Wymer, Director of International Student Scholars and Services
Mary Ann Lucero, Executive Director of the Academic Advancement Center
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