

BILL 5552 - FUNDING RAM'S AGAINST HUNGER POCKET PANTRIES FOR FY27



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

25th SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SENATE

03/25/2026

BILL #5552

Funding Ram's Against Hunger Pocket Pantries for FY27

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.*

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COLLABORATED WITH: Michael Buttram, Basic Needs Program Manager

SPONSORED BY: Jared McGlothlin, Chair, Budgetary Affairs Committee; Ellie Lutz, Student; BrookeLyn Reese, Speaker, Senate

ENDORSED BY: Enock Monanti, Senator, Black/African American Cultural Center; Emika Buschow, Senator Asian/Pacific American Cultural Center; Ben Gregg, Director, Pathways for Excellence; Jelicity Luna, Director, Governmental Affairs; University Affairs Committee; Budgetary & Appropriations Affairs Committee

ABSTRACT: *This bill aims to allocate \$18,000 to the Rams Against Hunger Pantry to fund pocket pantries for FY27.*

WHEREAS (1),

One in 3 CSU students experience some level of food insecurity, described by the United States Department of Agriculture as "limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods, or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways"; and,

WHEREAS (2),

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A lack of consistent access to food can result in decreased academic performance, sleep, physical and mental health, etc., all of which affect CSU as both an institution and community; and,

WHEREAS (3),

The Rams Against Hunger pocket pantries provide snacks, small meals, and hygiene items to students who are unable to afford those items during the day; and,

WHEREAS (4),

These pocket pantries are located at seven locations throughout the University, typically in places students frequent most often such as the Lory Student Center, Health Network, Stadium, etc.; and,

WHEREAS (5),

Funding these pantries comes at an additional cost to the CSU Office of Basic Needs, and is historically supplemented with funding from ASCSU to ensure consistent financial feasibility; and,

WHEREAS (6),

These pantries are a highly used item from CSU students, so much so that they require weekly stocking to keep up with student demand; **so,**

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (1)

That \$18,000 be allocated to the CSU Office of Basic Needs from the Senate Discretionary Fund; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (2)

Any unused funds be returned to the Senate Discretionary Fund by July 1st, 2027; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (3)

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University; Tony Frank, Chancellor, CSU System; Blanche Hughes, Vice President, 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, 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

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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;

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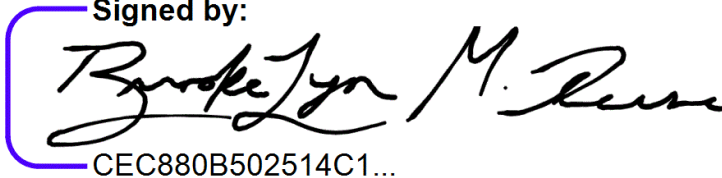
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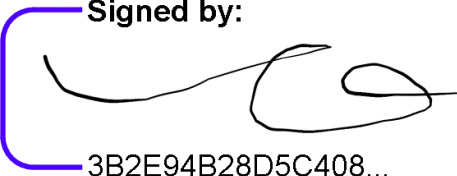

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ASCSU PRESIDENT JAKYE NUNLEY

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RESOURCES:

<https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/food-security-in-the-us/measurement>

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THAT THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO:

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
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
Farah Shah, ASCSU/SLiCE Accountant for Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement
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