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BILL #5610
Funding the Lavender Cabinet

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

WRITTEN BY: BrookeLyn M. Reese, Senator, Pride Resource Center; Blake Simpson, Senator, Pride Resource Center;

COLLABORATED WITH: Maggie Hendrickson, Director, CSU Pride Resource Center; Julia Pratt, ASCSU Advisor; Pride Leadership Collective, Pride Resource Center;

SPONSORED BY: Budget and Appropriations Committee

ENDORSED BY: Jack Pendleton, Chair, ASCSU Internal Affairs Committee, Associate Senator, Pride Resource Center; Mackenzie Franks, Chair, ASCSU Women and Social Justice Caucus, Senator, College of Health and Human Sciences; Enock Monanti, Senator, Black/African American Cultural Center; Yishai Trowbridge, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Aiden Martin, Senator, College of Business; Ben Gregg, ASCSU Vice President; Nevaeh Greene, ASCSU Associate Justice; Cassidy Mendoza, Chair, ASCSU University Affairs Committee, Senator, Native American Cultural Center; Ashley Perez, Senator, El Centro; Liri Sananes, Chair, Accessibility Caucus, Senator, Accessibility Center; University Affairs Committee; Haven Bohn, Chair, Community Action Caucus, Senator, Intra University;

ABSTRACT: *This bill aims to allocate \$14,000 from the ASCSU Senate Discretionary Fund to the Pride Resource Center's Lavender Cabinet with the intention of serving students from the 2026 Fall Semester through the 2028 Fall Semester.*

WHEREAS (1),

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The Pride Resource Center's Lavender Cabinet is a resource available to all Colorado State University students that provides access to basic needs resources and gender-affirming resources; and,

WHEREAS (2),

The Lavender Cabinet offers gender-affirming garments, personal hygiene items, period products, HRT support items, and identity exploration tools to CSU Students; and,

WHEREAS (3),

The Lavender Cabinet has been recognized by *The Rocky Mountain Collegian* as playing a crucial role in supporting the LGBTQIA+ community at Colorado State University, being described as "saving lives" and providing resources that help alleviate financial barriers for students; and,

WHEREAS (4),

The impact of The Lavender Cabinet has also been recognized by physicians at the CSU Health Network's Women and Gender Care Clinic, who identified The Lavender Cabinet as "an important resource for our students to have elements of gender-affirming care that are outside the scope of medical and surgical transition"; and,

WHEREAS (5),

According to the 2022 National Survey of Student Engagement, approximately 30% of CSU respondents identified as LGBTQ+ and 4% identified as transgender or gender expansive. Additionally, the 2023 National College Health Assessment found that 43% of CSU respondents identified as LGBTQIA+ or questioning, approximately twice the national average, and 13% identified as transgender, nonbinary, or gender expansive, approximately three times the national average; and,

WHEREAS (6),

The continued support of The Lavender Cabinet is particularly important given executive orders issued by the federal administration since 2025 concerning LGBTQIA+ individuals, including changes to the federal interpretation of Title IX protections related to gender identity and sexual orientation and directives concerning federal funding for institutions that provide or support gender-affirming care. Providing stability in maintaining resources for CSU's LGBTQIA+ students is vital in a time of political instability; and,

WHEREAS (7),

The demand for resources provided by The Lavender Cabinet has also increased substantially since 2019, as evidenced by a 700% increase in the number of items acquired to meet student demand between 2019 and 2025; and,

WHEREAS (8),

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The ASCSU Senate has helped fund The Lavender Cabinet in years past; and,

WHEREAS (9),

An allocation of \$14,000 is warranted by the Lavender Cabinet's repeated full utilization of the ASCSU Senate's funding in previous years and the demonstrated increase in demand for its resources. A larger allocation would also help prevent lapses in resource availability and reduce the need for recurring annual funding requests for an anticipated and ongoing student need; and,

WHEREAS (10),

This legislation is being submitted earlier in the academic year than in years previous because funding for the Lavender Cabinet has been a consistent annual priority of the ASCSU Senate. Allocating this funding early will allow the ASCSU Senate to address a known student need proactively, efficiently support its ongoing collaboration with the Pride Resource Center, and help prevent lapses in resource availability; and,

WHEREAS (11),

The Pride Resource Center has also pursued funding through other sources, such as the Residence Hall Association last spring, and is exploring additional sources of funding for The Lavender Cabinet. Providing a larger allocation now would give the Pride Resource Center time to pursue and secure additional funding sources for the future, helping to alleviate future financial pressure on the ASCSU Senate; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (1)

That an amount of \$14,000 from the 56th Senate Discretionary Fund is appropriated to the Pride Resource Center for The Lavender Cabinet.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (2)

That this allocation shall be spent to supply The Lavender Cabinet with gender-affirming resources (i.e., trans tape, binders, gaffs, etc.), basic need resources, and any other resources deemed appropriate by the Lavender Cabinet Advisory Board with oversight of the Pride Resource Center Director; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (3)

That the Pride Resource Center shall charge expenses designated under this legislation to ASCSU, with oversight from the ASCSU Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair and ASCSU accounting support team, up to the amount allocated by this legislation; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (4)

That the Director of the Pride Resource Center, or the Director's designee, is requested to submit a written report on this allocation to the Speaker of the ASCSU Senate no later than April 1, 2027, and no later than April 1 of each subsequent year in which funds allocated by this

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legislation remain available, stating in aggregate figures only: (i) the amount expended and encumbered under this legislation to date, by item categories as defined by the Pride recourse Center Director and Lavender Cabinet Advisory Board; (ii) the quantity of items purchased under this legislation, by those item categories; (iii) the quantity of items distributed to students, by those item categories, as determined from procurement and inventory records; (iv) each period of two weeks or longer during which an item category was unavailable in The Lavender Cabinet; and (v) any other funding requested or received for The Lavender Cabinet during the reporting period; provided that no such report shall contain personally identifiable information, that nothing in this legislation requires or authorizes the Pride Resource Center to collect names, student identification numbers, demographic information, or any other information concerning individual users of The Lavender Cabinet or to alter the anonymous manner in which The Lavender Cabinet is accessed, and that any figure that would be derived from fewer than ten (10) identifiable individuals shall be reported as “fewer than 10” in place of that figure; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (5)

That any unspent funds remaining of this allocation as of June 30, 2029, shall be returned to the ASCSU Senate Discretionary Fund; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (6)

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University; Tony Frank, Chancellor, CSU System; Lisa Youngblade, Provost and Executive Vice President; Blanche Hughes, Vice President, Division of Student Affairs; Kauline Cipriani, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence, Office of the President; Jody Donovan, Associate Vice President of Well-Being, Division of Student Affairs; Rickey Frierson, Assistant Vice President of Cultural Resource Centers, Division of Student Affairs; Craig Chesson, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, Division of Student Affairs; Carmen Rivera, Assistant Vice President of Engagement and Belonging, Division of Student Affairs; Montez Butts, Executive Director , Lory Student Center; Pamela Norris, Associate Executive Director Engagement and Talent Development, Lory Student Center; Lindsey Sell, Associate Executive Director for Student Engagement, Lory Student Center; 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 of Natural Resources 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;

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Kathleen Fairfax, Vice Provost, Office of International Affairs, Colorado State University; Chad Hoseth, Assistant Vice Provost, Office of 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, Accessibility Center;

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ASCSU PRESIDENT VICTORIA QUESADA-STONER

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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
Lisa Youngblade, Interim 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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Elisa Randazzo, ASCSU Administrative Assistant
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Natural Sciences College Council
College of Health and Human Sciences Dean's Leadership Council
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences College Council
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