



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

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LEX #5423

The Accommodations Act

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Harris, Associate Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Claire Pickerel, Senator, , Warner College of Natural Resources; Ferrah Jackson, Associate Senator, Adult Learners and Veterans Services; Jelicity Luna, Senator, Student Disability Center;

ABSTRACT: This lex aims to ensure the accessibility of all ASCSU events, and provides funding from Senate Discretionary Fund to make purchases towards mobility related assistive technology that can be utilized for any official Colorado State University recognized entity including but not limited to CSU Mountain Campus.

WHEREAS

The ASCSU Constitution establishes the rules of accessibility within all ASCSU official meetings under Section 106 "Diversity and Inclusion" subsection B, which states, "ASCSU must be accessible to everyone, all students during all official meetings."; and,

WHEREAS

The ASCSU Declaration of Rights establishes the right to "fair, functional, accessible, and productive representation by student government" under Title I; and,

WHEREAS

Title III of the ADA covers schools. All public or private schools that receive federal funding are required under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act to make their programs accessible to students with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS

All Registered Student Organizations must abide by the Registered Student Organization Handbook; and,

WHEREAS

The Registered Student Organization Handbook requires all Registered Student Organizations to include in their Constitution a statement of non-discrimination reading as follows: "As a recognized student organization at Colorado State University, our organization shall not deny membership to any student on the basis of race, age, creed, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender, disability, veteran status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or pregnancy."; and,

WHEREAS

Registered Student Organizations must make every effort to make their events accessible and to respect any and all accommodation requests concerning their events; and,

WHEREAS

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The Associated Students of Colorado State University is the sole Registered Student Organization whose membership consists of, and is tasked with representing, the entirety of the student body at Colorado State University; and,

WHEREAS

Representing all students is ASCSU's honor and duty and makes our work inherently rooted in inclusion, as our land acknowledgment states: "CSU is founded as a land-grant institution, and we accept that our mission must encompass access to education and inclusion"; and,

WHEREAS

The Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Section 104 defines ASCSU officials as "Any member of the three branches or Special Committees of ASCSU shall be considered officials of ASCSU."; and,

WHEREAS

All the programs of postsecondary institutions, including extracurricular activities, must be accessible to students with disabilities. The schools can do this in several ways: by providing architectural access to buildings, including residential facilities; by providing aids and services necessary for effective communication, like sign language interpreters, Braille or electronic formats, and assistive listening devices; and by modifying policies, practices, and procedures, such as testing accommodations and access to school facilities for service animals. Accommodations and program modifications should be individually designed to meet the needs of the student with a disability; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University ensure that all events planned and hosted by the Associated Students of Colorado State University are accessible for their members and the students; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

The Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Section 106 "Diversity and Inclusion," subsection B "ASCSU must be accessible to everyone all students during all official meetings," be amended to "ASCSU shall be accessible to everyone during all official meetings and ASCSU hosted events"; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

A sub-subsection shall be added to Section 106, "Diversity and Inclusion", subsection B, subsubsection 'i', that states:

"i. All ASCSU planned and hosted events shall be accessible to all students, and therefore, must have or provide the following if applicable but shall not be limited to this list in ASCSU's

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requirements of access as this is not an exhaustive list of all of the potential needs of disabled students:

1. Requests for accessibility sent to event coordinators, whether via official request forms or via another route, shall be handled with both discretion and at the utmost priority of all event coordinators and shall be permitted to be requested anonymously.
2. Firm and stable, non-slip, and even walkway access (including but not limited to portable accessibility walkway products) to all parts of the event to ensure full participation for those needing this access.
3. Chairs designated for people with disabilities, with ample space for wheelchairs and other mobility related assistive technology to fit between rows and in various locations.
4. Ear plugs, if applicable to the event. (i.e., concerts, loud spaces created by the event).
5. Easy and marked access to ramps where stairs and other terrain may prevent participants and attendees from full participation up to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
6. Access to shade, both with and without chairs, and with a view of the event (if a view is applicable.)
7. Access to any standard interpreters, with the ability to request such accommodations published and advertised to all students at least 14 days prior to the event in order to have ample time to accommodate requests (Should an event be planned in under 14 days prior to that event occurring, that the information of how to request an accommodation and/or who is planning the event be made available as soon as it is known.)
8. Access to free and accessible water if any food or drink is catered or dispersed at the event.
9. Access to any additional reasonable accommodations for the event, with the ability to request such accommodations published and advertised to all students at least 14 days prior to the event in order to have ample time to accommodate requests (Should an event be planned in under 14 days prior to that event occurring, that the information of how to request an accommodation and/or who is planning the event be made available as soon as it is known.)
10. As per the Americans with Disabilities Act, all events, regardless of type, location, or the wants of the event coordinators, must permit service animals to all locations accessed by the public.

Any concerns about the reasonableness of a requested accommodation may be interfaced with the Student Disability Center, but all ASCSU event accommodations are ASCSU's sole duty to provide to the best of their ability. Only the Student Disability Center can decide that a requested accommodation outside of this list is an unreasonable accommodation and need not be provided."; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

A sub-subsection shall be added to Section 106, "Diversity and Inclusion", subsection B, subsubsection 'ii', that states:

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An ASCSU planned and hosted event shall be defined as any event where an ASCSU Official acting in their official capacity, excluding College Councils, aids in the planning, coordination, or facilitation of an event, OR any event where funding is allocated from any ASCSU branch to fund an event, excluding funding allocations from-BSOF to a Registered Student Organization; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That all subsubsections already existing in subsection B be adjusted down accordingly (i.e., the current subsection 'i' shall become subsubsection 'iii', etc.); and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That all Constitutional changes shall become binding at the commencement of the 2025-2026 academic year; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FUTHER ENACTED

That \$15,000 be spent out of the Senate Discretionary Fund to make the following purchases:

Portable Accessible Walkway Products and the related accessories (approx. 500 ft of walkway)	\$15,000
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So that those items can be given to SLiCE to be utilized for students with accommodation requests that require this equipment for their access needs to be met for any event planned or hosted by a Colorado State University recognized entity; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FUTHER ENACTED

If the entirety of these funds are not utilized by the last day of the 2026 fiscal year, (June 30th, 2026) they will return to the Senate Discretionary Fund and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

This piece of legislation be forwarded on approval to (updated list here) Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University; Tony Frank, Chancellor of the CSU System; Hayden Taylor, Speaker of the Senate; BrookeLyn Reese, Speaker Pro Tempore; Nicholas DeSalvo, ASCSU President; Braxton Dietz, ASCSU Vice President; Morgan Wright Chief Justice; Jamie Binder, Deputy Chief Justice; Justin Dove, Director of the Student Disability Center; Joe Tiner, Assistant Director of Accommodations, Student Disability Center;

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**PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT OF LEX 5423
SESSION OF PASSAGE**

28th Session of the 54th Senate

Yays-Nays-Abstentions

Passed with unanimous consent

SENATE PASSAGE: Passed on April 23rd, 2025 during the 28th Session of the 54 Senate



ASCSU SPEAKER OF THE SENATE HAYDEN TAYLOR

4/25/2025

DATE



ASCSU PRESIDENT NICK DESALVO

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DATE

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

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